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In this Aug. 31, 2018, photo, President Donald Trump holds up a list of his administrations accomplishments while speaking at a Republican fundraiser at the Carmel Country Club in in Charlotte, N.C.

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GOP lawyer caught in crossfire on Kavanaugh, Russia probe

By LISA MASCARO

AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Burck is a Republican insider being pushed into the limelight by two of the biggest political dramas in Washington: the Russia investigation of Robert Mueller and the Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh.

He's a lawyer for current and former Trump White House officials who have been touched by the Russia probe. As George W. Bush's longtime public records lawyer, he's in charge of culling documents for the Senate from Kavanaugh's White House years. He's also Kavanaugh's friend and former deputy at the Bush White House.

That makes Burck, 47, "triple-conflicted," say some Democrats. They have denounced the lawyer's role in the unusual and potentially precedent-setting arrangement to expedite the gathering of Kavanaugh's government records before Senate confirmation hearings that start Tuesday. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., told reporters that Republicans are "cherry-picking" what Kavanaugh records are available. He called it "a disservice to the American people."

Burck's friends and allies see in the Yale-educated lawyer a straight-shooting, skilled professional who cares less about partisan battles than providing the best legal representation possible. For several years in a row a legal publication named him a "White Collar

MVP."

Burck scoffs at critics who see partisan politics at play in his client roster. He says his work for Bush reviewing Kavanaugh's records has little to do with representing Donald Trump-world clients in Mueller's investigation.

"I think partisanship may be getting in the way of rational thought," Burck told The Associated Press.

The weeks ahead are not the type of public spotlight Burck necessarily seeks. While he gravitates to high-profile cases, Burck appears to prefer a behind-the-scenes role as the lawyer people call when they are in a tough spot.

Those who know the New England native from his days as a clerk to retired Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy recall a bright but laid-back colleague.

"He's a pretty rare combination of book smarts and good people skills and good judgment," said attorney Jim Bennett, who was a fellow Kennedy clerk in the late 1990s and has remained friends with Burck. "People gravitate to him as a lawyer because he inspires confidence."

The son of a corporate lawyer, Burck showed ambition, working as a federal prosecutor in New York and at the Bush White House as Kavanaugh's deputy staff secretary. His private practice caseload has come to read like a legal-thriller index.

Burck was lead counsel to FIFA in the international football association bribery scandal and for insurance giant AIG over claims



In this Aug. 25, 2014, file photo, Attorney Bill Burck walks to court in Richmond, Va.

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it misled the federal government during the 2008 finance crisis. He was counsel to the Koch-backed Americans for Prosperity in its challenge to a California campaign finance law that required nonprofit groups to disclose their membership. That fight played out while Kamala Harris, now a senator, was the state's attorney general.

These days Burck represents White House counsel Don McGahn, former White House adviser Steve Bannon and former chief of staff Reince Priebus in the Mueller probe.

McGahn, who has been shepherding Kavanaugh's nomination through the Senate, has become an important witness in Mueller's investigation. Not long after the extent of McGahn's meetings with investigators were disclosed in news reports, Trump tweeted that McGahn would be leaving the White House after Kavanaugh was confirmed.

Senate votes are expected at the end of September, in time for the start of the new Supreme Court session Oct. 1.

Burck in some ways may be more of a White House outsider than ally because all three of his Trump-related clients were essentially fired by the president.

But that doesn't satisfy Democrats who see in Burck a too-intricate circle of connections. They're particularly upset that Senate Republicans only requested Kavanaugh's documents from his work in the White House counsel's office, rather than his three years as Bush's staff secretary. They say the decision has hidden from view potentially millions of pages that could shed light on Kavanaugh's thoughts on Bush-era policies, including the use of harsh interrogation techniques such as waterboarding.

"The process reeks," said Brian Fallon, a former aide

to Hillary Clinton and Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., Fallon, now executive director of Demand Justice, a group that opposes Kavanaugh's confirmation, added: "Burck has his thumb in every pie."

Before the Senate hearing Tuesday, Burck's team announced it had largely concluded its document production, with more than 267,000 pages from Kavanaugh cleared for public release. That's more than any other court nominees, Republicans say, but far fewer than the 900,000 that National Archives initially estimated for the job.

In a letter to GOP Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, Burck's team said that duplicate documents cut that number to some 600,000. An additional 174,000 pages were made available to the committee on a confidential basis and about 100,000 were personal. □

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Father of slain Iowa student decries using her as 'pawn'

BROOKLYN, Iowa (AP) —

The father of slain Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts in an opinion piece spoke out against using his daughter's death in support of "views she believed were profoundly racist," a call that comes after President Donald Trump and others seized on the suspected killer's immigration status to argue for changes in U.S. immigration laws.

Authorities have said the University of Iowa student was abducted while she was out for an evening run in Brooklyn, Iowa, on July 18. The man charged in her death, 24-year-old Cristhian Bahena Rivera, a Mexican farmworker who is suspected of being in the U.S. illegally. Trump and other politicians quickly noted that element of the case and called for changes to immigration law.

Rob Tibbetts wrote in the opinion piece published online by The Des Moines Register on Saturday that while he supports debate on immigration, some politicians and pundits went too far in using his daughter's death to promote political agendas. He said his stepdaughter is Latina and argued that the suspected killer "is no more a reflection of the Hispanic community as white supremacists are of all white people."

"Do not appropriate Mollie's soul in advancing views she believed were profoundly racist," he wrote. "The act grievously

extends the crime that stole Mollie from our family and is, to quote Donald Trump Jr., 'heartless' and 'despicable.'"

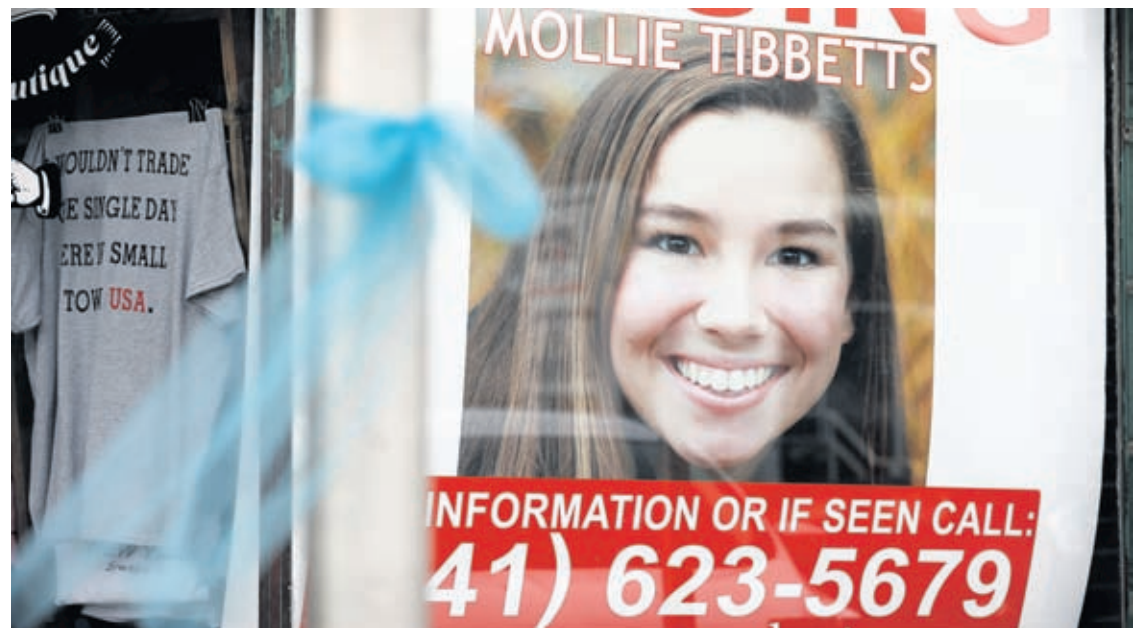
The quote comes from a Friday opinion piece by Trump Jr. that criticized the media and Democrats for not playing up the suspect's immigration status.

"Despite what some Democrats may wish in the depths of their hearts, Mollie was murdered by an illegal alien and her murder would never have happened if we policed our southern border properly," the president's son wrote. Recorded phone calls citing Mollie Tibbetts' death in a push for white supremacist views began Tuesday, just days after her funeral. The robocalls cited comments Rob Tibbetts made in defense of Latinos during her funeral.

The calls question whether his daughter would feel the same if she were still alive and describe Rivera as "an invader from Mexico."

Rob Tibbetts wrote in his opinion piece that his daughter was "nobody's victim. Nor is she a pawn in others' debate."

"She may not be able to speak for herself, but I can and will," he went on to say. "Please leave us out of your debate. Allow us to grieve in privacy and with dignity. At long last, show some decency. On behalf of my family and Mollie's memory, I'm imploring you to stop." □



In this Aug. 21, 2018, file photo, a poster for missing University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts hangs in the window of a local business in Brooklyn, Iowa.

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2018's most volatile candidate (it's Trump) isn't on ballot

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **CATHERINE LUCEY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Heading into the midterm elections, the most volatile candidate this year isn't on the ballot.

But President Donald Trump still loves to take his free-wheeling political stylings on the road on behalf of his fellow Republicans and he's raring to go for the sprint to Nov. 6.

His eagerness to campaign for candidates — and protect his political flank — has led Republican officials and Trump's political team to devise a strategy for managing the president's time. It's designed to keep him in places where he can be helpful.

They're also determined to try to manage his unpredictability so the party's strongest asset in turning out core GOP voters doesn't end up doing damage instead.

There's a constant effort to keep him on best behavior. This past week, Trump heeded pleas from advisers and Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner, head of the GOP Senate campaign committee, to refrain from picking a favorite in the fractious Arizona primary, waiting until after the results were in to back the winner. Later, at a rally in Indiana for Senate candidate Mike Braun, the president largely stuck to his script, promoting his agenda and criticizing Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind.

"Senate Republicans will not get to where they need to go without the president this fall. That means doing exactly what he's been doing," said Josh Holmes, a longtime adviser to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "The great danger in a midterm is an



In this Aug. 30, 2018, photo, supporters of President Donald Trump, wearing Mike Braun for Congress shirts, cheer as he arrives for a campaign rally at the Ford Center in Evansville, Ind.

enthusiasm gap and there is nobody who can close the enthusiasm gap quite like the president."

Aides believe Trump's drawing power is critical to a strong turnout among the most loyal GOP voters, which is helpful in many statewide contests. But his presence could be counterproductive in many House districts where incumbents are struggling to hold onto voters in the center.

But this is a celebrity-turned-president who hardly is a selfless leader of his adoptive party. He launched his own re-election campaign weeks after his swearing-in last year, rather than waiting until after the midterm elections, as did his predecessors. With Democrats increasingly optimistic about retaking the House, Trump is motivated by self-protection. He's keenly aware of the threats and investigations that could come his way if Democrats hold a majority in either the House

or Senate.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing, and Trump created an unnecessary political firestorm with his delayed and muted response to the death of Sen. John McCain. Still, aides think he generally has grown more focused and disciplined entering the final push to the fall elections.

At his Indiana rally Thursday night, Trump stuck to familiar themes, talking about tax cuts and trade tariffs, slamming high-tech companies, railing against the Justice Department and calling MS-13 gang members animals. But he did not mention McCain, avoiding recounting the well-worn tale about the senator's pivotal vote against the president's health care bill. After a week in which aides pushed Trump to rise above his personal grudges against McCain, the mere fact that Trump kept the senator out of his remarks was notable.

While Trump's White House

remains marked by turbulence, insiders said the political shop has managed to impose some discipline. On potential endorsements, for example, political director Bill Stepien and adviser John DeStefano bring Trump detailed binders on candidates' voting records, including their past comments on Trump, where they have broken with the president and other details.

While Stepien and DeStefano have gained influence, they must compete with other power centers. Vice President Mike Pence and the White House office of legislative affairs weigh in at times, and Donald Trump Jr. has proved a powerful influence.

Some races have proved complicated, as in the Arizona Senate race, where Kelly Ward and former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio both promoted their ties to Trump, as did establishment favorite Rep. Martha McSally. Trump

stayed out of the race and McSally handily defeated the two more controversial candidates, averting what GOP operatives believed could have been a disaster for the party this fall.

But the president could not be persuaded to stay silent in other cases.

He supported Foster Friess in the GOP gubernatorial primary in Wyoming. Friess, who lost, was strongly backed by Trump Jr. Aides also had pushed Trump not to endorse Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach in his bid to be governor, but Trump did at the last minute, helping put Kobach over the top in the primary but making the race in November more competitive for Democrats.

Aides said they pick their battles with the president, prioritizing races that could swing the balance of congressional control.

For political travel, White House staffers, who are coordinating with party aides, have divided the electoral map into places Trump can be helpful and places where it's better to send in others such as Pence, Cabinet secretaries or members of the first family.

"He's prioritizing places where he's performed well and where there's a strong network of grassroots support," said North Carolina Rep. Mark Meadows, chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus.

When Trump makes a political trip, aides try to make sure the candidate meets the president at the airport, has time with him in the car and gets the right sound bites on stage. That script was followed Thursday with Braun; Trump called him a "special guy" and promised that Braun would "be a truly great senator." □

California approves measure to pass on wildfire costs

By JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— The California Legislature voted Friday to allow power companies to raise electric bills to cover the cost of lawsuits from last year's deadly wildfires amid fears that Pacific Gas & Electric Co., would otherwise face financial ruin.

The measure is part of a wide-ranging plan to reduce the threat of wildfires, which have killed dozens of people and destroyed thousands of homes in recent years.

Consumer advocates and large energy users blasted legislation they say is a bail-out for PG&E, which expects to pay billions of dollars due to fires started by the company's equipment in Northern California last year. The company would be allowed to charge their customers even if the fires are linked to mismanagement by the company.

"Everybody's getting protected, but customers," said Michael Boccadoro, executive director of the Agricultural Energy Consumers Association. "Utility shareholders are protected. Trial attorneys are protected. Insurers are protected. Victims are protected. Labor's protected.

Unfortunately, they forgot to protect customers."

California courts have ruled that utilities are entirely liable for damage caused by power lines, even if they've followed all safety regulations. Lawmakers considered changing that standard but backed off amid a barrage of lobbying by wildfire victims and insurance companies.

Fire investigators have blamed PG&E equipment for 12 of last year's wildfires in Northern California's wine country, including two that killed 15 people combined. In eight, investigators said they found evidence of violations of state law and forwarded the findings to county prosecutors. Authorities have not determined fault for the Tubbs Fire, the most destructive in state history, which destroyed thousands of homes in Santa Rosa.

PG&E is facing dozens of lawsuits from insurers, which have spent billions settling insurance claims from homeowners.

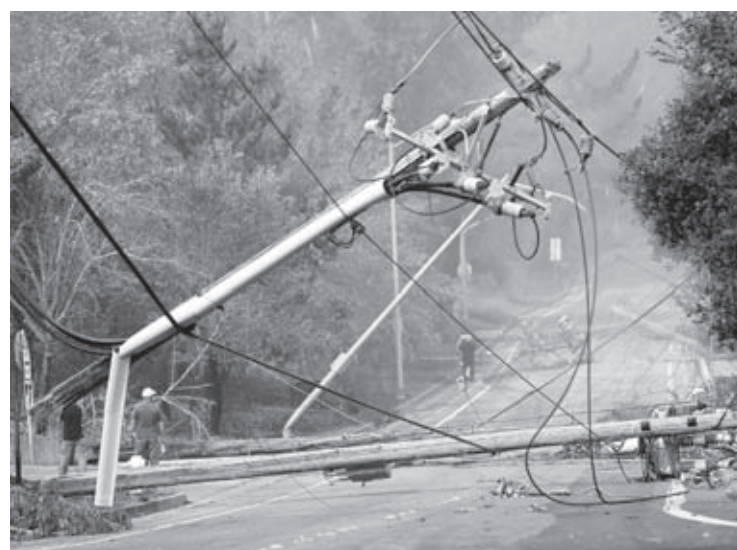
Lawmakers worry the costs to PG&E could be so severe that it would struggle to borrow money or would file for bankruptcy, which they fear would lead to even higher spikes in utility bills. "This is about protect-

ing ratepayers, not helping utilities," said Sen. Bill Dodd, a Napa Democrat who helped craft the legislation. "The fact of the matter is ratepayers would be hurt in a utility bankruptcy."

Regulators generally don't let utilities bill their customers for lawsuits linked to imprudent management of electrical equipment, but the legislation would create a special process for the 2017 fires. It seeks to take as much as possible from PG&E's investors without harming ratepayers. For the rest, the Public Utilities Commission would have the option to let PG&E collect from customers through a line-item on utility bills for the next two decades.

The cost to ratepayers is unknown because it's not clear which fires will ultimately be linked to PG&E and what its final settlement will look like. Dodd said the average residential ratepayer would pay an estimated \$5.20 extra for every \$1 billion dollars that PG&E must finance.

The bill "puts the needs of wildfire victims first, better equips California to prevent and respond to wildfires, protects electric customers and preserves progress toward California's



In this Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 file photo, people walk past a fallen transformer and downed power lines on Parker Hill Road in Santa Rosa, Calif.

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clean energy goals," PG&E spokeswoman Lynsey Paulo said in a statement. While the help for utilities is

gotten the most attention the bill also includes a variety of other measures to help utility workers. □

Woman was pregnant; estranged husband sought in 3 killings

PHOENIX (AP) — A woman who was killed along with a male renter in her Phoenix home was pregnant, and the woman's estranged husband is sought on three murder charges and the possible abduction of their two sons, police said Sunday.

U.S. and Mexico authorities were seeking Dimas Coronado, 47, on a murder warrant, and Amber Alerts were posted in both countries amid efforts to locate two boys the couple had together, Phoenix police Sgt. Armando Carbajal

said.

"We don't have enough information to know if he has the children or not," Carbajal said of the boys, 8-year-old Victor Coronado Nunez and 5-year-old Jonathan Coronado Nunez.

Oralia Nunez, 24, and Omar Gonzalez, 34, died early Saturday of apparent gunshot injuries. Carbajal said Nunez was at least 7 months pregnant, and police have a warrant seeking Coronado on three murder charges.

Police identified Coronado as a "person of interest" in



This undated photo released by the Phoenix Police Department on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018 shows missing child Jonathan Nunez-Coronado, 5, 3'06" tall, 45 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

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Nebraska Catholic diocese rocked by old abuse allegations

By **GRANT SCHULTE**
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — For more than a decade, a conservative Catholic diocese in Nebraska was the only church in the U.S. that refused to participate in annual reviews of sexual misconduct that were a key reform enacted in the wake of the 2002 Boston clergy abuse scandal.

As a new wave of abuse scandals rock the Roman Catholic church, critics say the Diocese of Lincoln is now paying the price for its unwillingness to change and lack of transparency. Accusers have been coming forward in recent weeks with allegations of sexual abuse and misconduct by clergy in Nebraska, and the diocese is facing a potential criminal investigation and criticism that it mishandled abusive priests even as it should have been subjected to increased scrutiny after the Boston scandal. From 2002 to 2015, leaders of the Lincoln diocese refused to participate in annual audits designed to uncover sex abuse allegations and gauge how well church officials were complying with child-protection policies. Church leaders called the audits a pointless endeavor that assumed wrongdoing by the diocese and its priests, but one of the bishops during that period knew of at least two allegations against priests, according to interviews and a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

"I think the closed nature of the diocese made this worse," said Rachel Pokora, a member of the Catholic reformist group Call to Action. "Even if the audits never revealed anything — and I think they probably would have — it still shows an unwillingness to be



In this Aug. 28, 2018 photo, Jeffrey Hoover poses for a photo in Lincoln, Neb. Hoover says the Rev. James Benton, touched his hip area near his groin while they were sharing a bed on a camping trip in the early 1980s, when Hoover was around 10 years old.

open." The Nebraska attorney general's office has spoken with at least two accusers and urged others to come forward about abuse in the diocese. Lincoln police are also investigating a priest accused of having an "emotionally inappropriate, non-sexual relationship" with a 19-year-old male altar server that involved alcohol in 2017, church officials said.

A Lincoln police spokesman confirmed the investigation but declined to comment further. On Wednesday, the diocese unveiled a new, anonymous hotline and website to take complaints.

The scandals come amid accusations that Pope Francis was complicit in the face of sex-abuse allegations against a former high-ranking cardinal in Washington, D.C., and a grand jury investigation that identified more than 1,000 child victims in Pennsylvania.

Many of the new allegations in Lincoln focus on the actions of the Rev. James Benton, a 71-year-old priest who retired last year despite church leaders knowing about abuse allega-

tions against him for at least 15 years. Dr. Stan Schulte, a 37-year-old chiropractor in Lincoln, said Benton, his uncle, molested him at a rectory sleepover in the early 1990s when he was a boy. Another Lincoln man, Jeffrey Hoover, reported a similar experience with Benton during a camping trip in the early 1980s while he and the priest slept in the same bed.

Church officials said they didn't have enough evidence to pursue charges. Benton has not been charged with a crime, although the two men have spoken with an investigator from the Nebraska attorney general's office.

A diocese spokesman, the Rev. Nick Kipper, said church officials would not comment beyond statements from the current bishop, the Rev. James Conley.

Hoover said he reported his experience to a priest in 1997 and directly to then-Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz in 2002. Schulte notified the diocese in 2017 and said he probably would not have been molested if the diocese had properly re-

sponded to Hoover's allegations.

Bruskewitz led the Lincoln diocese until 2010 and was the bishop who refused to participate in the audits, saying the diocese was already following all civil and Catholic laws. He argued that some members of the board that oversaw the audits were "advocates of partial-birth abortion, other abortion, human cloning and other moral errors."

"It is understandable then how such persons could dislike the Diocese of Lincoln, which upholds the moral teaching of the Catholic Church," Bruskewitz said in a 2006 statement.

Under the audits, participating dioceses must disclose cases of sexual abuse and misconduct to a national review board that compiles all cases for an annual public report that shows the number of allegations and makes recommendations for how churches can improve.

The Lincoln Diocese is one of the nation's most conservative, a reputation highlighted by its refusal to allow female altar servers. Virtually all Catholic churches eliminated their bans shortly after the Vatican lifted the restriction in 1994.

Conley, who succeeded Bruskewitz, reversed the diocese's policy on the audits and began participating in them in 2015 after declaring that the process had improved from its previous methodology.

Benton has denied the allegations and an investigation didn't turn up enough evidence to prosecute, according to a May 7 letter the diocese sent to Schulte. But the church offered to reimburse Schulte up to \$3,000 for counseling if he submitted receipts showing

where he had sought treatment. Schulte said he felt it was intrusive for church officials to know where he went.

The church also promised to keep Benton at a home for retired priests and said it would not let him help with Lincoln church services.

Benton retired in fall 2017 after new allegations surfaced, and the church imposed new restrictions to prevent the priest from engaging in public ministry in the diocese and banned him from being alone with minors. Hoover said Benton touched his hip and groin area twice on a camping trip with other boys, when Hoover was around 10 years old.

Hoover said he was disgusted by the diocese response but didn't pursue it because he doubted the church would do anything more, he felt embarrassed, and he assumed Benton wouldn't interact with young boys in the future.

"I probably would have just lived with it," he said. "But as soon as I started having kids of my own, I realized it's not just about me."

The cases came to light after a defrocked priest leveled allegations this month against the late Monsignor Leonard Kalin, the former pastor of the University of Nebraska's Newman Center. Kalin served at the Newman Center from 1970 to 1998, and died in 2008.

Those accusations prompted another former seminarian, Wei Hsien Wan, to allege that Kalin made unwanted sexual advances toward him and another man when he was a young seminarian in 1998.

Wan said he reported Kalin's actions to a priest twice, after which time Bruskewitz imposed restrictions on Kalin. □



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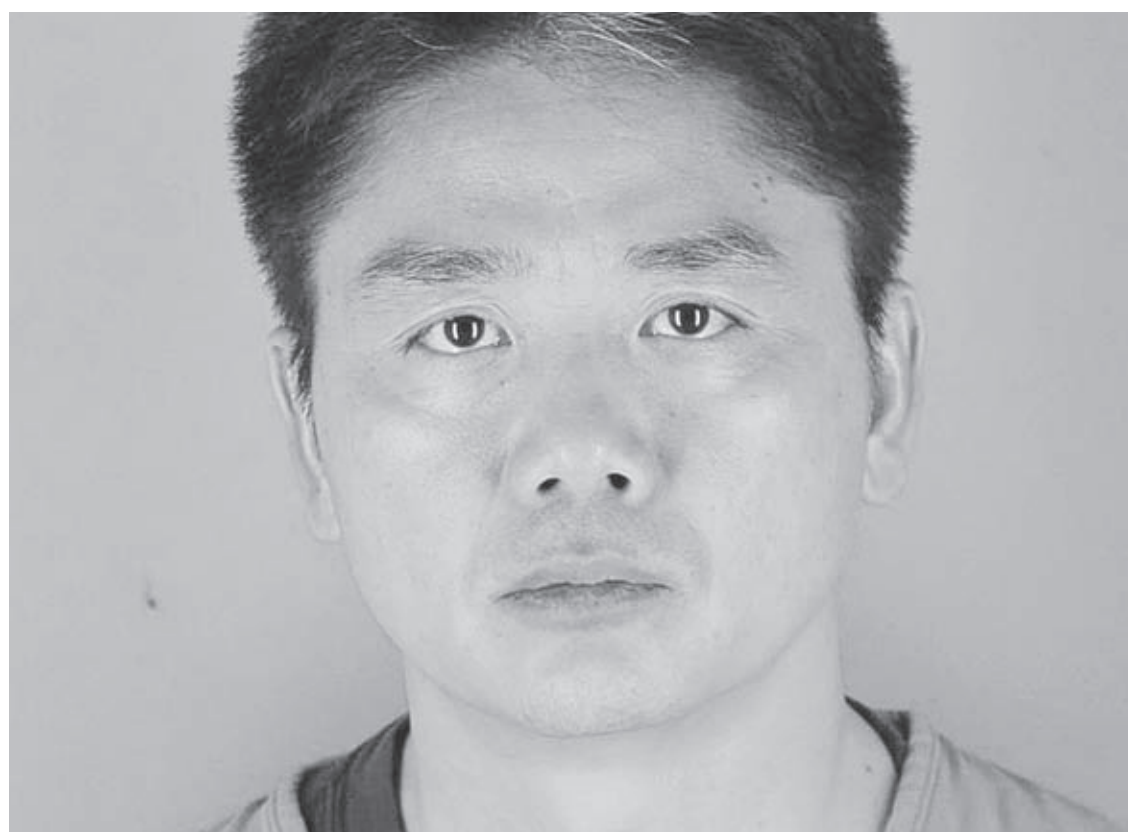
By STEVE KARNOWSKI
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Chinese billionaire Liu Qiangdong, also known as Richard Liu, the founder of the Beijing-based e-commerce site JD.com, was arrested in Minneapolis on suspicion of criminal sexual conduct, jail records show. Liu, 45, was arrested late Friday night and released Saturday afternoon pending possible criminal charges, Hennepin County Jail records show. The jail records don't provide details of the alleged incident. Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder said Sunday that he couldn't provide any details because the investigation is considered active. He declined to say where in Minneapolis Liu was arrested or what Liu was accused of doing.

Minnesota law defines five degrees of criminal sexual misconduct, ranging from a gross misdemeanor to felonies, covering a broad array of conduct ranging

from nonconsensual touching to violent assaults with injuries. The jail records for Liu don't indicate a degree. JD.com, the main rival to Alibaba Group, said in a statement posted Sunday on the Chinese social media site Weibo that Liu was falsely accused while in the U.S. on a business trip, but that police investigators found no misconduct and that he would continue his journey as planned. "We will take the necessary legal action against false reporting or rumors," the company said.

Liu recently tried to distance himself from a sexual assault allegations against a guest at a 2015 party at Liu's penthouse in Australia. Liu was not charged or accused of wrongdoing, but Australian media reported he tried unsuccessfully to get a court to prevent the release of his name in that case. The guest was convicted. In June, Google said it would invest \$550 million in JD.com. The invest-



This 2018 photo provided by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office shows Chinese billionaire Liu Qiangdong, also known as Richard Liu, the founder of the Beijing-based e-commerce site JD.com, who was arrested in Minneapolis on suspicion of criminal sexual conduct, jail records show.

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ment reflected an effort by the U.S. tech company to expand its reach into Asian e-commerce.

JD.com is China's second-

largest e-commerce company after Alibaba. Among its other investors is Chinese internet gaming and social media giant Tencent

Holdings, the developer of the WeChat messenger app and a major rival of Alibaba, and U.S. retailer Walmart Inc. □

4 missing after boats collide, sink on Colorado River

MOABI REGIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Four people are missing after two boats crashed and sunk on the Colorado River, ejecting more than a dozen people who were on board, authorities said Sunday.

A recreational boat carrying 10 people and another vessel with six people on board collided head-on Saturday night on a well-traveled stretch of the river

that marks the border between California and Arizona, the Mohave County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

Both boats sank and passing boaters pulled crash victims from the water. One person was found in critical condition and flown to a hospital in Las Vegas, while nine others were taken to local hospitals by ambulance, authorities said.

The crash occurred between two popular marinas and near Moabi Regional Park, a well-traveled recreation area crowded with people enjoying the Labor Day weekend.

Helicopters were deployed immediately after the crash was reported and couldn't locate the missing. Rescuers had to call off the search until Sunday morning because it was too danger-

ous to put divers in the river after dark. The river's water can range from shallow to 30 feet (9 meters) deep. Authorities reviewed the shoreline after daybreak, but four people were still missing, said Eric Sherwin, spokesman for the San Bernardino County Fire District in California.

"We have four parties unaccounted for and presumed submerged," he

said. "It is being treated as a recovery operation."

The cause of the crash is being investigated by Mohave County authorities, Sherwin said. He said low light conditions undoubtedly played a role.

None of the boaters were wearing life vests when the collision occurred, said Anita Mortensen, a spokeswoman for the Mohave County Sheriff's Office. □

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UN agency: Trips across Mediterranean fall, but risks rise

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The U.N. refugee agency says people smugglers are taking greater risks to ferry their human cargo toward Europe as Libya's coast guard intercepts more and more boats carrying migrants, increasing the likelihood that those on board may die during the Mediterranean journeys.

That's one of the key findings from the latest UNHCR report about efforts to reach Europe. The report, released early Monday and titled "Desperate Journeys," says that even though the number of crossings and deaths has plunged compared to recent years, the voyage is more deadly in percentage terms for those who venture across.

The report says 2,276 people died last year while trying to cross, or one death for every 42 arrivals.



This Sunday, June 24, 2018, file photo provided by the Libyan Coast Guard shows migrants on ship intercepted offshore near town of Gohneima, east of the capital, Tripoli.

This year, it's 1,095 deaths, or one out of every 18 arrivals. In June alone, the proportion hit one death for every seven arrivals.

On the Central Mediterranean route so far this year, there have been 10 separate incidents in which 50 or more people died — most

after departing from Libya. Seven of those incidents have been since June alone, UNHCR said.

"The reason the traffic has become more deadly is that the traffickers are taking more risk, because there is more surveillance exercised by the Libyan

coast guards," said Vincent Cochetel, UNHCR's special envoy for the central Mediterranean.

"They are trying to cut the costs: It costs them more to keep those people here longer in their warehouses, under captivity." Libyan authorities intercepted or

rescued 18,400 people between August last year and July this year — a 38-percent increase from the same period of 2016 and 2017. Arrivals by sea from Libya to Europe plummeted 82 percent in those comparable periods, to 30,800 in the more recent one.

"The problems after disembarkation (is that) those people are sent back to detention centers, and many disappear," Cochetel said. "Many are sold to militias, and to traffickers, and people employing them without paying them."

He said the drop in departures means that traffickers attempt to "monetize their investment, which means they have to exploit more people. That results in more cases of slavery, forced labor, prostitution of those people — because they (smugglers) want to make money on those people." □

Ruling party leader wants Poland to be like western Europe

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The leader of Poland's conservative ruling party, whose policies have led to clashes with European Union leaders, said Sunday he wants the country to remain in the EU so it can become like western European nations "in every respect."

Jaroslav Kaczynski's declaration opened the Law and Justice party's campaigning for Oct. 21 local

elections in which it hopes to strengthen its grip on power.

Law and Justice won leadership of the Polish government in 2015 on promises on improving life for ordinary Poles and fighting crime and corruption.

Since then, the Polish government has reorganized the judiciary and criticized EU rules it says are too restrictive, raising questions about the country's attachment to the 28-nation bloc.

The European Court of Justice is reviewing changes in the composition and operation of Poland's Supreme Court. Critics said the actions put Law and Justice in position to name loyalists as justices, which in turn would give the party the ability to control elections that were vetted by court.

Former Polish President Lech Walesa, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient for his work promoting democracy, told a meeting of government opponents Sun-

day that Law and Justice's rule was a "misfortune" that is harming Poland's interests and needs to end.

Poles should closely watch their elections and vote to "win back a free and democratic Poland" where the judicial, legislative and executive branches of government are separate, Walesa said.

Kaczynski, a Catholic who opposes abortion and same-sex marriage, said Sunday that the EU membership Poland has held

since 2004 benefits the country economically.

The party's goal is to have Poles say "in 15-20 years' time that things in Poland are the same as they are west of our borders, in every respect," Kaczynski said.

Law and Justice remains Poland's most popular political force thanks to increased social spending and steps it argues are eliminating poverty, the misuse of state money and corruption in the justice system. □

Rights group: Strike on bus in Yemen is 'apparent war crime'

By SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — An airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels in Yemen that killed dozens of people last month is an "apparent war crime," an international rights group said Sunday.

The report came days after U.N. human rights experts said all sides in the fighting may have been responsible for committing war crimes in the 3½-year conflict. The coalition backing Yemen's internationally recognized government expressed regret Saturday and pledged to hold accountable those found to be responsible for the airstrike, which hit a bus carrying children in a busy market in the northern province of Saada. At least 51 people, including 40 children, were killed, and 79 others, including 56 children, were wounded.

Human Rights Watch said the attack adds to the coalition's "already gruesome track record of killing civilians at weddings, funerals, hospitals and schools in Yemen." The New York-based group said it spoke by phone to 14 witnesses, including nine children, who said that shortly before 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 9, a bomb fell on the market in Dhahyan, a town north of Saada in Houthi-controlled northwestern Yemen, 60 kilometers (37 miles) from the Saudi border. The bomb landed a few meters from a bus packed with boys on an excursion organized by a mosque to visit the graves of men who had been killed in fighting, the group said. The bus was parked outside a grocery store where the driver had gone to buy water for the children, HRW said.

"I saw bodies torn into pieces, pieces of my friends. ... Many of my friends died," the group quoted Ahmad Hanash, 14, as saying. He and his brothers Hassan, 13, and Yahia, 11, were wounded in the attack.

Bill Van Esveld, senior children's rights researcher for



In this Aug. 13, 2018, file photo, Yemeni people attend the funeral of victims of a Saudi-led airstrike, in Saada, Yemen.

Associated Press

HRW, urged the U.S. and other countries to "immediately stop weapons sales to Saudi Arabia and support strengthening the independent U.N. inquiry into violations in Yemen, or risk being complicit in future atrocities." The coalition said it has accepted the conclusions of its investigative body, known as the Joint Incidents Assessments Team, which found that the airstrike involved "mistakes," including failing to take measures to minimize collateral damage.

The coalition said in its statement Saturday that "it will take all the legal measures to hold accountable those who were proven to have committed mistakes" once it officially receives the findings. It also pledged to coordinate with Yemen's government to compensate civilians.

The U.S. State Department on Sunday welcomed the coalition's statement as "an important first step toward full transparency and accountability." It urged all sides of the conflict to "abide by the Law of Armed Conflict, to mitigate harm to civilians and civilian infrastructure, and thoroughly investigate and ensure accountability for any violations." HRW's statement came after U.N. human rights experts said last week that the govern-

ments of Yemen, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia may have been responsible for committing war crimes, including rape, torture, arbitrary detention and use of child soldiers. The U.N. panel also pointed to possible war crimes committed by the Houthi rebels fighting the coalition.

It also urged the international community to "refrain from providing arms that could be used in the conflict" — an apparent reference to Western countries that have sold sophisticated weapons systems to the Gulf states. It also was an apparent reference to Saudi Arabia's regional foe Iran, which the coalition has accused of arming the Houthis. □

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Hope and caution in North Korea as Kim Jong Un shifts gears

By ERIC TALMADGE

Associated Press

MOUNT CHILBO, North Korea (AP) — Tanned and

wearing a swimsuit, So Myong Il walks to the barbecue pit and throws on some clams.

He obviously loves the beach he's on as well as the rugged, emerald Chilbo mountains that rise abruptly behind it. He loves them enough to forget, for a moment at least, that he is a senior official sent to deliver an ideology-soaked pitch singing their praises and instead lets the natural beauty surrounding him speak for itself.

Comrade So sees great things for North Korean attractions like this.

Hotels, big and small. Tourists from all over the country, maybe the world. "As long as we have the leadership of our respected Marshal," he says, referring to leader Kim Jong Un, "our future will be bright indeed."

So wouldn't think of questioning the leader, but there is a hint of apprehension in his voice. And he



In this Aug. 20, 2018, photo, North Koreans gather on a seashore near Mount Chilbo, North Korea.

Associated Press

isn't alone.

North Korea is pushing ahead with a new strategy of economic development and the intensified diplomacy with China, South Korea and the United States that such a move requires. But hopes for a better future are mixed with concern over potential down-

sides of political or social volatility, and something that's harder to articulate: a fear of the unknown — even if it appears far more promising than the arduous path the country has been on for decades.

Even before announcing in January that he had sufficiently perfected his nuclear arsenal and could start to focus on other things, Kim has held economic development to be his primary long-term concern.

He has allowed markets and entrepreneurialism to flourish and, since succeeding his father as leader seven years ago, has dramatically transformed the skyline of the capital, Pyongyang, with several high-rise districts. The transformation in the east coast city of Wonsan, where Kim has a summer villa, has been almost as spectacular.

As Kim prepares for the 70th anniversary of North Korea's founding on Sept. 9, his ambitious development plan is being implemented, from the small-time renovation of town halls to the almost biblical-scale mobilization of "soldier-builders," who are working around the clock to turn the remote northern city of Samjiyon into yet another showcase of Pyongyang-style socialism.

Economic development — and how U.S. capital and know-how could speed it along — was President Donald Trump's big carrot when he met with Kim in Singapore three months ago to try to negotiate a denuclearization deal.

But Kim's diplomatic overtures aren't intended to open the door to American capitalists, a scenario that would make any good party cadre shudder. They are aimed at breaking down support for sanctions and getting the U.S. to step out of the way. Kim's game is to play China and the U.S. off each other, grab whatever concessions he can along the way and adjust his position as the situation evolves.

In the meantime, lest anyone get the wrong idea, the ruling Workers' Party of Korea has begun churning out paeans to socialism in its daily newspaper along with anti-capitalism, anti-imperialism screeds that underscore North Korea's official opposition to essentially anything that might be considered the American way of life. Or, as it's known in the jargon of North Korea's propaganda machine, "the imperialists' bourgeois ideological and cultural poisoning."

The past few months have been tense in Pyongyang.

Restrictions on some of the movements of foreign diplomats have been tightened, for example, and even requests by The Associated Press to interview government officials or to speak with regular citizens have mostly been denied. Uncertain of where it might all end up, state-run media have provided only limited coverage of Kim's meetings with Trump in June and his multiple summits with Chinese President Xi Jinping and South Korean President Moon Jae-in. Reports have portrayed Kim as the consummate statesman, firmly in charge of a carefully considered strategy to make his country safer and more prosperous. Kim is ardently wooing South Korean investment to help him build the very things Trump was offering: infrastructure, particularly roads and railways, and the development of selected tourism zones.

After a high-profile chill last year, he is also actively courting Beijing, which continues to be an essential source of fuel, a key market for North Korea's coal and other natural resources and a fairly reliable check on U.S. power in the region.

Pyongyang's explanation for the shift in its foreign policy has been consistent: Having successfully built a credible nuclear deterrent to U.S. aggression, Kim is reaching out to Seoul to join hands in a "for Koreans, by Koreans" effort to secure a lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula, unhindered by the meddling of foreign powers.

But officials have made sure they don't have much time to ruminate on it. Normal routines of work and study have been put on hold for large segments of the populace who have been mobilized for the development projects. Tens of thousands of people in Pyongyang, meanwhile, have spent the past several months feverishly preparing for mass rallies and mass games to mark the anniversary. □



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Duterte visit showcases Netanyahu's roster of tough-guy pals

By **ARON HELLER**
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The first-ever visit of a leader of the Philippines is sure to be touted by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as another success in his campaign to enhance Israel's relations across the globe. But critics say this outreach has come at a cost, with Netanyahu cozying up to authoritarian leaders, some of whom are guilty of human rights abuses.

Netanyahu takes great pride that under his leadership Israel has found new friends in Europe, as well as in far-flung countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America that long sided with the Palestinians at the United Nations and other global bodies.

But while many of Netanyahu's new allies have offered blanket support for Israel, or at least indifference to its conflict with the Palestinians, some have also voiced borderline anti-Semitic sentiments and adopted a revisionist approach to the most painful chapters of Jewish history. The Philippines' foul-mouthed president, Rodrigo Duterte, who has cursed out everyone from Barack Obama to God, will receive a warm welcome in the Holy Land.

He arrives in Israel on Sunday for a four-day visit, the first presidential visit since the countries established diplomatic relations in 1957. He is expected to lunch with Netanyahu, meet other top officials and visit the country's Holocaust memorial. He is also expected to sign a major oil deal and view an arms display.



In this Aug. 8, 2018, file photo, Philippines president Rodrigo Duterte gestures while addressing police force to mark the 117th Philippine National Police Service anniversary at Camp Crame in Quezon city northeast of Manila.

Associated Press

His forces are accused of killing thousands in anti-drug raids since he took office in 2016. Duterte drew outrage that year when he compared his anti-drug campaign to the Holocaust, and himself to Hitler, saying he would be "happy to slaughter" 3 million addicts. He later apologized. More recently, he forcibly kissed a woman on stage and said there would be many rape cases in a Philippine city "if there were many beautiful women."

Israeli human rights activists plan to protest the visit and have encouraged President Reuven Rivlin not to meet Duterte. "Certainly there is no place for a mass murderer and a person who supports rape, shooting women in their sexual organs and bombing schools to meet with Israel's president," wrote the group, headed by human rights attorney Eitay Mack. Netanyahu's critics accuse him of giving a pass to authoritarian leaders out of political considerations. Here's a look at some of Netanyahu's other friends on the world stage:

VIKTOR ORBAN

Netanyahu welcomed the four-time Hungarian prime minister for a visit in July as a "true friend of Israel."

Orban drew criticism last year for praising Miklos Horthy, Hungary's World War II-era ruler, who introduced anti-Semitic laws and collaborated with the Nazis.

Critics have also accused Orban of employing anti-Semitic tropes against the Jewish Hungarian-American billionaire philanthropist George Soros during his re-election campaign. In denouncing Soros, Orban said Hungary's enemies "do not believe in work, but speculate with money; they have no homeland, but feel that the whole world is theirs."

Despite global Jewish condemnation of those remarks, Netanyahu praised Orban for combatting anti-Semitism and thanked him for Hungary's pro-Israel stance.

Orban, who has exhibited increasing authoritarianism at home, has cast himself as the champion of a Christian Europe and adopted an aggressive stance to

halt the flow of African and Muslim migrants through Hungary.

ANDRZEJ DUDA

Netanyahu took a lot of heat for striking a deal with the Polish president over his country's controversial Holocaust speech law, which would have criminalized blaming the Polish nation for crimes committed against Jews during World War II. Critics said Netanyahu appeared to capitulate to the claim that Poles were only victims of the Nazis, while historians say anti-Semitism was deeply rooted in pre-war Poland and many Poles collaborated in the genocide.

Poland and Hungary have increasingly sided with Israel in the Mideast conflict, in contrast to Western European powers, which have sympathized with the Palestinians and pressed for renewed peace talks.

Duda's Law and Justice party, meanwhile, has steadily chipped away at Polish democratic institutions while aggressively trying to minimize its citizens' role in killing Jews during and after the Second World War.

VLADIMIR PUTIN

Netanyahu is one of the few world leaders to enjoy warm ties with both the Russian and American presidents. Netanyahu has made frequent visits to Moscow in recent years to meet with Putin and coordinate Israeli operations in neighboring Syria with those of Russian forces.

Though Russia has traditionally backed Israel's Arab neighbors, Netanyahu has

indicated the Putin back-channel has helped keep Israel out of trouble in Syria's civil war and would be beneficial in getting arch-enemy Iran's forces out of there as well. He has been wary of ever criticizing Putin, who has been accused by the West of meddling in the 2016 U.S. election, poisoning former spies and cracking down on dissidents.

DONALD TRUMP

After a rocky eight-year relationship with Barack Obama, Netanyahu has relished Donald Trump's warm embrace. In a break from his predecessors, Trump has refrained from criticizing Israeli settlement activity and delivered Netanyahu two major international gifts — recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal. Trump has also won Israeli praise for drastically cutting funding for aid to the Palestinians.

Netanyahu has vouched for Trump when the president's critics have accused him of failing to counter the anti-Semitic rhetoric of some of his supporters and of downplaying the rise of white nationalists, including those who marched in Charlottesville last year under the slogan "Jews will not replace us."

At times, Netanyahu also has seemed to follow Trump's lead. The Israeli leader has denounced the media, the legal system and other perceived opponents in the face of growing legal problems — often using social media platforms to unleash his attacks. □



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Ebola survivors returning home to fear, stigma in Congo

By **AL-HADJI KUDRA MALIRO**
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Associated Press

BENI, Congo (AP) — Leoni Kahumbu remembers the night her 15-year-old daughter, Pascaline, first showed signs of Ebola. She found her fainted on the bathroom floor, blood everywhere.

"She did not even have the strength to get up ... I called an ambulance," Kahumbu said. Experts came to their home the next day to disinfect the house. The 48-year-old and her three other children were isolated but have not come down with the often deadly virus.

Pascaline survived. She was among the first people given mAb114, one of five experimental treatments approved for use in Congo's latest Ebola outbreak.

Now she and other survivors must now deal with the emotional toll of returning to nervous communities where they could be shunned. "Thank God I'm still alive," said another survivor, Dr. Maurice Kakule Muchunga, one of several health workers who have been infected.

This is the first time an Ebola outbreak has occurred in Congo's North Kivu and Ituri provinces, densely populated areas with an estimated 1 million people displaced by numerous armed groups fighting over rich natural resources. Ninety cases have been confirmed as Ebola, including 48 deaths.

Health officials face the challenge not only of combating a deadly vi-

In this photo taken on Sunday Aug. 26, 2018, Leoni Kahumbu, mother of Pascaline, a 15-year-old who was infected with Ebola shows the bed where she first notice signs of Ebola on her daughter, in Beni, Democratic Republic of Congo.

rus in what is effectively a war zone but also of pushing back against possible stigma and fears of the unknown.

"Although I was negative for Ebola, all of my friends are scared of me," said Leoni, who tested negative for Ebola and came home to find all of the family's belongings destroyed to stop the virus from spreading. "I spend all day inside watching TV, and if I leave there are whispers and fingers pointing to me as the parent of a child who suffers Ebola."

Psychologists visit the family at least twice a day, helping them to adapt.

The family lives in a neighborhood of Beni city, the region's largest urban area. Some other survivors are from far smaller communi-

ties where information can take longer to reach.

Last week, the Catholic bishop of the local Butembo-Beni diocese made a point of being vaccinated in Mangina village, where the outbreak was identified, to encourage others at risk to present themselves to health officials, Congo's health ministry said. Traditional healers were trained in Ebola prevention.

The ministry also put out a notice against a rumor circulating on social media that said eating onions would guard against Ebola. "It's UNTRUE!" the ministry said. "Apart from giving you bad breath that might keep people away from you, onions have no protective effect."

More worrying is the local resistance to health workers

who are trying to promote safe burials, which are crucial to containing the outbreak as the Ebola virus is spread via bodily fluids of those infected, including the dead.

"We are experiencing fear and anger in some communities against Red Cross teams who come to bury the deceased," Dr. Balla Conde, head of emergency operations with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said in a statement. Leoni and her daughter Pascaline also illustrate another trend in this Ebola outbreak, one which health officials have not been able to explain.

The majority of confirmed and probable Ebola cases in this outbreak are women and children, the highest

percentage of any of Congo's 10 outbreaks since the virus was first identified in 1976.

About one-quarter of the group is under 19 years old, said spokesman Yves Willemot with the U.N. children's agency. It's too early to say why children and women are the most affected, he added.

The hospital in Mangina village has been at the epicenter "and normally you get more women and children visiting health centers," Willemot said. Additionally, "more health workers there are female than male."

Dr. Gianfranco Rotigliano, UNICEF's representative in Congo, offered another possible reason: "Women are the primary caregivers for children, so if they are infected with the disease there is a greater risk that children and families become vulnerable."

As health workers try to contain this outbreak more than 5,400 people have been vaccinated so far, according to Congo's health ministry.

Already more than 60 children have been orphaned or left unaccompanied as parents are kept in Ebola treatment centers. "Some children have lost large parts of their families and become isolated," Rotigliano said.

In an effort at normalcy for children across the region, the school year will start on Monday as scheduled, but the young students will find a new subject on the agenda. □

Blown Away by the Pro-Am Golf Tournament



It is not only about golf, it is about binding. This is at least what was expressed recently by the participating teams at the opening of the Pro-Am Golf Tournament in Aruba, taking place for already 40 years and more and still a blown-away event, hinting towards the always present Aruban breeze that makes golf at this island stand out.

The tournament's opening is organized on the side of the golf course The Links at Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort. This is a challenging 9-hole course featuring different tee-boxes for the front 9 and back 9, with a gorgeous backdrop of ocean views, beautifully landscaped greens and sparkling lagoons. The tournament itself takes place at the Tierra del Sol Golf course, a beautiful terrain at the rustic North coast of the island. In a two-day tournament of 36-holes professional and amateur golfers hook up in a fun competition featuring gifts, prizes and special events.

Natural Elements

Millard Beach is from the Bermudas and with his group of friends he has been coming to this event for the past 6 years now. "We are friends and fanatic golf players and we love the natural elements here which is the wind of course. It is very challenging, we find that very unique and different. The food, the friendliness of the people make it all perfect. And this event at Divi, wonderful, as is its golf course." Organizing man behind this tournament is James Kiley, manager of the golf department and head teaching department at Tierra del Sol. "This is one of our top tier tournaments that we have, we are bringing a lot of international teams in to experience golf at Aruba. We have a lot of repeaters, it is popular every year. This tournament is open to everybody, you play with 1 pro and 4 amateurs, in 18 strokes. The event is really to enjoy and the vibe is just great." A part of the Dutch competitors came here in a very special way as the trip was their prize for winning a Dutch tournament, tells Joost Jetten. "We are happy to be here and so far everything is perfectly organized, the island is beautiful. The wind though is another challenge when it comes to playing golf, it is incomparable with our Dutch breeze, and you have got to learn to play magic with this Aruban wind."



Elegant Opening

The reception opening is the moment to connect, seeing the almost 100 participants from different countries together. Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort made sure the Aruban accents are present with the 'Miss Aruba' welcome girls, the carnival queen and the steel pan musician. Under and outside of the impressive glass dome of the Windows on Aruba restaurant an elegant dinner is set up for the group of golfers while standing tables are provided to have an informal chat and a drink. "We have explored several platforms to bring the affluent traveler to Aruba and golf is one of them, our satellite offices promote this event so it is a way of assuring the international participation. This is about enjoying Aruba in a different way", is the conclusion of the events sponsorship specialist for Aruba Tourism Authority, Tita Iglesias. □



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ORANJESTAD - For many years fantasized, debated and proposed but now becoming reality: a fast ferry connecting Aruba with Curaçao. Next year the ferry should be in operation with a carry capacity of at least 800 passengers.

Minister of Transport has announced that before the end of this year a contract will be sealed with a ferry provider. Already Spanisch company Fred Olson Express has shown interest in operating a ferry service between the island for many years. Also Dutch company Waterbus and a still unknown Turkish company have applied.

For the local economies the ferry would be

a blessing. As the boat's capacity will also allow 300 cars on board. Freight between Aruba and Curaçao is very expensive, so the ferry also creates business opportunities. According to projections, most passengers will be local. However the Aruban government sees a push for its tourism also.

Cheaper than airfare

Tourists can take the boat to the neighbouring island and return in one day if they want. Or they can extend their holiday on the other island. This is also possible by plane however the airfare is expensive. A half hour flight costs more than 200 dollars including air tax. Whilst the planned ticket price for a trip by ferry won't surpass 100



florin, a little more than 55 dollar.

The governments of both islands have already discussed issues like border control and other migration issues. In a couple of months both governments will sign their first agreement on this and as mentioned, later on the contract follows with a ferry provider.

The selected company has to invest also heavily in the ferry terminal that is planned in San Nicolas. As the Aruban government only invests in infrastructure to and from the terminal and the cleaning of the harbor's terrain as it's contaminated by the nearby oil refinery.

The terminal needs sufficient space for all the passengers and cars arriving and also to accommodate a boat of 120 meters. The Aruban student Zaira Pourier studying in the Netherlands, finished her study on the ferry terminal in San Nicolas. Pourier studies architecture and designed a logistic roundabout. She got help from San Nicolas Business Association that promotes business in the industrial city. The result shows a roundabout of different levels: the lowest level is for passengers on foot leaving or arriving, in this way preventing congestion.

The roof also contains solar panels producing sufficient energy for at least a 100 households or for electric busses in the future. The examiners at the Dutch university were very impressed and rewarded the Aruban student with a high score on her finals. But is still has to be seen if the selected company at the end of this year will go ahead with her design. □



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How to take better sunset photos with silhouettes



Last week someone sent me this question and here two tips. The majority of our island visitors take all their pictures with a cellphone and have sunglasses, so first tip is to put your own sunglasses before the cellphone camera and this will darken and polarized the tonality of colors. You will get a more orange/red color using this tactic. Second tip: Make your composition on your photo and make sure you have what you want in silhouette and the sun in the display, than click on the sun in the frame, and this will automatically darken the image, and rapidly click to take the shot. So you will hack your own cellphone to take professional looking photos.

Morning shot of Boca Keto



26 years ago, I was very young with a camera in my hand and that was the first time I shot this scenery at Boca Keto and it still amazed me every time I walked from Daimari to the natural pool. I'm in love with horses and one morning hiking back from the Natural pool that I saw a horseback tour going to the pool, so I ran to the top of the hill to capture this shot. This part of Aruba is only accessible by horseback riding or hiking as I do.

Be more creative in your poses



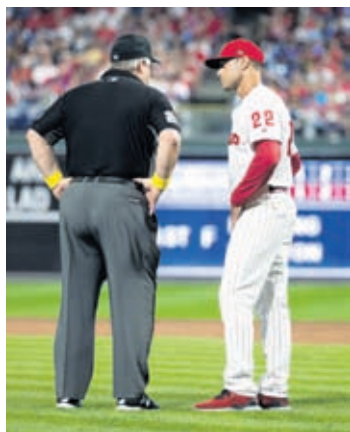
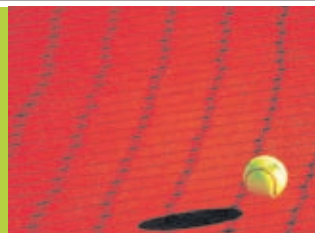
You don't need to look at the camera anymore! If you're 40 and up, you probably have not taken any picture looking aside or not into the camera, but nowadays it's not allowed to look into the camera and you will look good also. This is a photo of a photo shoot from last week with an Italian newly-wed couple. Try it and let me know!!!

Family hangout at Arashi



It's in our local genes to hang out at Arashi or go camping. This morning I've met a local lady that camp every weekend at the north coast of the island where they have their own hut and been doing this for decades. Arashi is a very good beach to do family reunion and for friends hangout at sunset and see the moon rising up from the east. Very close to supermarkets if someone needs to buy extra's. Superb huts with plenty parking spaces. If you see a family reunion at Arashi, just stop by and join them, sure it's going to be fun hanging out with the locals.

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Umpire Joe West, left, talks with Philadelphia Phillies manager Gabe Kapler, right, about the situation with relief pitcher Austin Davis during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs, Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, in Philadelphia.

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Info, please: MLB tells teams scouting cards OK for pitchers

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

No need to call them cheat sheets.

Major League Baseball has told teams that it's perfectly OK for pitchers to carry the kind of scouting cards that umpire Joe West confiscated from Philadelphia reliever Austin Davis on the mound this weekend.

Phillies manager Gabe Kapler said he'd been informed the cards were legal.

They are, provided they don't delay games, MLB advised clubs in clarifying the policy.

"I think it's great that our pitchers are able to have their game plans on them," Kapler said Sunday's 8-1 loss to the Chicago Cubs. "I think it takes a lot of mental focus, takes a lot of bandwidth to get out the best hitters in baseball. And when you can just take a little of that off your mind and put it on a card, I think that's helpful for pitchers and good for baseball."

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"CAUGHT KANEP-PING"



Serena Williams beats Kaia Kanepi to reach quarter-finals

Serena Williams returns a shot to Kaia Kanepi, of Estonia, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, in New York.

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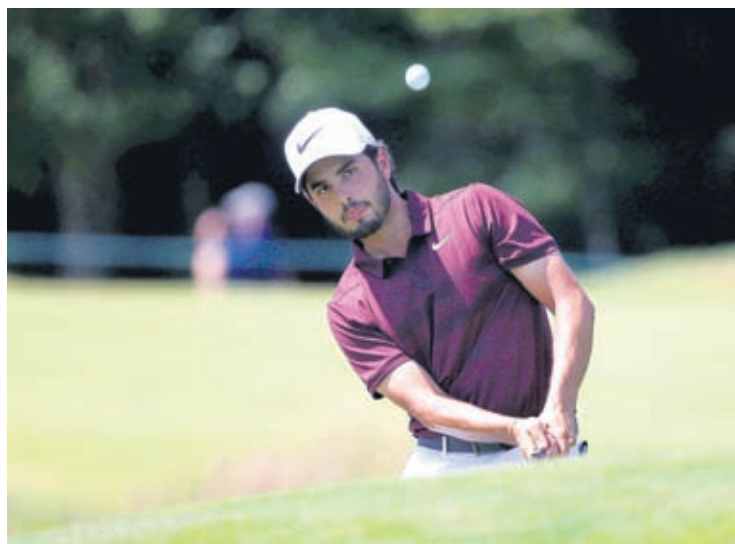
Ancer takes 1-shot lead over DeChambeau at TPC Boston

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Abraham Ancer of Mexico learned the hard way that a game that got him to the PGA Tour was good enough to win.

A Labor Day finish on the TPC Boston will be his biggest test.

Ancer opened with three straight birdies, had a birdie chance on all but one hole and shot a 6-under 65 that gave him a one-shot lead going into the final round of the Dell Technologies Championship that could change his career.



Abraham Ancer chips onto the second green during the third round of the Dell Technologies Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018.

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He showed up at the second FedEx Cup play-off event at No. 92 in the standings, hopeful of getting into the top 70 to keep his season going. A victory would send him to East Lake for the Tour Championship and give him a spot in all four majors.

But one look at the leaderboard is enough to suggest that 18 holes is a long way off.

Right behind is a player who had the lowest score before the largest gallery at the TPC Boston. That would be Bryson DeChambeau, who played with Tiger Woods for the first time in competition and delivered a 63 to get within one shot of the lead.

Tyrrell Hatton had a shot bounce off a cart and into the woods, never to be found, leading to double bogey. He still managed a 69 and joined DeChambeau one off the lead. They were among 10 players within four shots of the lead, a group that includes major champions Justin Rose, Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth.

"I just know to win I've got to play good," Ancer said. "There's no way if you play sloppy you're going to win out here. So I know I have to put up a good score out there tomorrow. And I know if I follow my game plan and make some putts, that could happen."

He was at 13-under 200. Woods had to settle for a 69 that left him in a tie for 16th, six shots behind. At least he saw plenty of good golf. DeChambeau has become one of his regular practice partners, though they had never been in the same group until Sunday. DeChambeau opened with two birdies and finished even stronger, with short birdie putts on the 16th and 17th, and then a 5-iron from 237 yards that stopped rolling 2 feet from the hole for an eagle.

"He's my childhood idol," DeChambeau said. "I've admired him my whole entire life. And to be finally able to play with him under

tournament conditions, it was different. I was a little nervous, for sure. But I was able to get out there and execute shots and worry about my game and focus on hitting the best shots possible. And I was able to play really well like that."

Not since Vijay Singh in 2008 has anyone captured the opening two FedEx Cup. DeChambeau led by four shots at Ridgewood Country Club last week and never was seriously challenged. This time, the 24-year-old Californian will have to come from one shot behind against a 27-year-old playing in only his 49th PGA Tour event.

Hatton had the lead until his approach on the par-4 12th went off a cart path and into the trees, and a search party of some three dozen fans and volunteers never found it. He did well to escape with a double bogey, and then finished with a birdie for a 69.

McIlroy was making a charge until hitting into the water on the 16th hole and missing a short putt at the 18th. HE had to settle for a 68 and was in a group at 9-under 204 that included Beau Hossler (68), Ryder Cup hopeful Tony Finau (67) and Spieth (68). More than being six shots behind, Woods has to climb past 15 players. He handled the par 5s, but didn't make much else and spent some 45 minutes on the putting green after his round.

"I didn't get a lot out of my round today," Woods said. Looking ahead to Monday, he said he would need a round like he saw from DeChambeau.

"I've got to make a bunch of birdies, get off to a quick start and just get rolling early," Woods said. "Kind of do what Bryson did today."

Ancer knows what it's like to be among the chaotic atmosphere that Woods brings to a tournament. He played in the group ahead of Woods in the third round of the Quicken Loans National, heard the cheers and delivered a 62 that hardly anyone saw. □

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Serena Williams turns it on, hits 18 aces in U.S. Open victory

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams' yells of "Come on!" crescendoed right along with the tension in a fourth-round U.S. Open match that began as a rout and suddenly became riveting.

When she ripped a backhand winner to claim the third set's opening game Sunday, Williams let out her loudest shout of the day, leaning forward and rocking both arms. This turned into a test, and she passed it.

Williams reached the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows for a 10th consecutive appearance — she wasn't there last year because she gave birth to her daughter during the tournament — by picking her level up after a lull and using 18 aces to beat Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

"It wasn't an easy match at all. She obviously knows how to play," said Williams, a six-time U.S. Open champion who finished with more than twice as many winners as Kanepi, 47-22. "I was just happy to get through it."

This was filled with big hitting by both women, along with all manner of shifts in momentum and quality of play. In the 18-minute shut-out of the first set, Kanepi was tight and Williams was pretty much perfect, grabbing 24 of 30 points.

But after compiling 14 winners and only two unforced errors in that set, Williams began making mistakes, becoming less and less comfortable as Kanepi grew increasingly so. Kanepi is ranked only 44th, but she's been a top-20 player in the past and has made it to Grand Slam quarterfinals a half-dozen times. Sure, that's nothing compared to Williams' 23 major titles, but it's something. Plus, it's worth remembering this: Kanepi eliminated No. 1 Simona Halep on Day 1 of this tournament.

In a blink, Williams had a match on her hands.

Kanepi was matching Williams' power with booming groundstrokes of her own. She was getting better reads on Williams' serves. And the 36-year-old American began making more and more mistakes.

When Williams shanked a backhand return of a 103 mph serve, the match was a little more than an hour old, and it was all tied at a set apiece. That was the first set she had lost against Kanepi of the 10 they'd played to that point, and the first set Williams had lost at the 2018 U.S. Open, a run that included a 6-1, 6-2 victory over her older sister Venus in the third round Friday night.

After that scream-inspiring hold to begin the final set, Williams broke right away to lead 2-0. She then faced a break point, but Kanepi wasted that chance by sending a backhand wide. From there, Williams smacked an ace at 118 mph, followed by a service winner at 113 mph to go up 3-0, and that essentially was that.

"I really was feeling great that year. I'm feeling great now, too. But it was a little bit different story, 2016. I was, like, a dark horse. Nobody was expecting me to get that far," Pliskova said after beating No. 18 Ashleigh Barty 6-4, 6-4.

"I know she was the best at that time, but I just wanted to win. So that's why I won, because I believed I have a chance," the No. 8-seeded Pliskova said. "I have a game to beat her."

In men's action, defending champion Rafael Nadal reached his fourth Grand Slam quarterfinal of the season, and 36th of his career, by getting past Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4.

"Now is the moment to make the next step, step forward, play more aggressive. I did a lot of things well during the whole season. (It) is the moment to make it happen again," said the No. 1-ranked Nadal, who has won 26 of his past 27

matches. "I hope to be ready to make that happen."

He gets two days' rest before taking on No. 9 Dominic Thiem for a semifinal berth in what will be re-match of this year's French Open final, which Nadal won in straight sets.

Thiem prevented a re-match of last year's U.S. Open final by eliminating 2017 runner-up and No. 5 seed Kevin Anderson 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

This will be Thiem's first quarterfinal at a major other than the French Open — and his first match against Nadal on a surface other than red clay. □



Rafael Nadal, of Spain, returns a shot to Nikoloz Basilashvili, of Georgia, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, in New York.

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New York Mets pitcher Noah Syndergaard throws against the San Francisco Giants during the first inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018.

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Syndergaard pitches 2-hitter for 1st CG, Mets top Giants 4-1

By **MICHAEL WAGAMAN**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Noah Syndergaard stopped worrying about his mechanics and focused on making pitches. In doing so, the New York Mets right-hander might have solved one of the biggest issues that has plagued him most of the year.

Syndergaard pitched a two-hitter for his first career complete game, striking out 11 as the Mets beat the San Francisco Giants 4-1 on Sunday.

"It's definitely really encouraging, a step in the right direction," Synder-

gaard said. "I didn't really have to think about it that much at all. I wasn't really fighting myself out there. Things just started to click and I felt more fluid."

Syndergaard (10-3) made his 81st start in the majors and topped the Giants for the second time in 12 days. He matched his season high for strikeouts, walked one and retired 20 of the final 22 batters.

Mets manager Mickey Callaway said Syndergaard was more relaxed than in previous starts.

"Maybe the last couple of outings he's been worried too much about mechanics and internal things instead of just worrying about where the ball's going," Callaway said. "Today he went out there and the ball went wherever he wanted to, probably because he was focused a little bit more down at home plate."

Syndergaard allowed only two runners past first base and set the side down in order five times. He yielded a one-out triple to Alen Hanson in the third and a single to Evan Longoria in the fourth.

The right-hander overcame a one-out throwing error by first baseman Jay Bruce in the seventh by striking out Austin Slater and getting Nick Hundley to ground out.

"It was amazing to watch from my point of view," Mets catcher Tomas Nido said. "He was just trying to go out there and throw the ball, not worried about little things that can sometimes get you out of focus. He just went out there and trusted his stuff."

Syndergaard continued a strong stretch by New York's rotation. Over the past 15 games, Mets starters have a 1.61 ERA.

"I kind of worked backwards for the most part a little bit," Syndergaard said. "I think their game plan was to just come out and jump on the fastball and I didn't really allow them to

do that."

Michael Conforto hit his 20th home run, Jeff McNeil had two hits and two RBIs and Todd Frazier added a pair of hits.

The Mets won for the seventh time in their last eight games at AT&T Park.

Hanson tripled and scored for San Francisco. The Giants have lost three of four. Limited to a total of two runs in the first two games of the series, the Mets matched that in the second. Frazier led off with a single and Conforto homered off Chris Stratton (9-8).

Hanson tripled and scored San Francisco's lone run on Stratton's sacrifice fly in the third.

"We're having trouble scoring runs," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "We have to find a way to score. You can't sit on one run."

HANSON SHINES AT SHORT-STOP

With Brandon Crawford still resting his sore left knee, Hanson made his third consecutive start at shortstop and made a handful of defensive gems. Most notably was his backhand stop of Conforto's sharp grounder in the fourth when Hanson ran to his right and made a strong throw for the out.

"The defense behind me was unbelievable," Stratton said. "Hanson was great."

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Syndergaard's final pitch was a 99 mph sinker. The Giants were held to one run for the 23rd time this season and are 4-19 in those games. Stratton drove in a run for the second time in his career. Hunter Pence struck out as a pinch-hitter and is hitless in his last eight at-bats.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Giants: Crawford missed his third consecutive game. ... OF Steven Dugger will undergo surgery Tuesday to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder. ... INF Kelby Tomlinson was called up from Triple-A Sacramento. □

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Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Austin Davis, left, talks with umpire Marty Foster, right, during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs, Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, in Philadelphia.

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It has become common in the age of advanced baseball analytics to see outfielders and infielders pulling info cards from their pockets to check on proper positioning. But the sight of a pitcher doing it on the mound caught a lot of attention at Citizens Bank Park. The unusual situation occurred Saturday night in the eighth inning of the Chicago Cubs' 7-1 win at Philadelphia. The NL Central-leading Cubs were ahead 5-1 as Addison Russell approached the plate. Davis took the reference card from his back pocket, checked the scouting report on Russell, and then put it away. West, in his 41st season as an umpire, came in from third base and took the card. He said it was illegal under Rule 6.02(c)(7), which states that the pitcher shall not have on his person, or in his possession, any foreign substance.

Kapler and Davis said the left-hander was looking at the card merely for information on the Cubs hitters. The 25-year-old rookie said he's used them this season. "I think usually it's a quick glance and go. I was wait-

ing for whoever it was to get in the box. So I think it took an extra second or something and caught his eye. But I don't know," Davis said after the game.

"Our analytics department works really, really hard to come up with this stuff for us and I want to use it because they work all day to come up with stuff to help get guys out. And if I have an answer to get a guy out, I want to know what that is," he said. Davis said he made the card himself.

"This is something I create. We have our meeting where we go over the hitters. I take that information and put it on a card so I don't have to try and memorize it and use my mental energy to get ready for the game," he said. "Then I just take a glance and go."

West kept this card. West called the league office after the game for a ruling. "I didn't want to throw him out," West said postgame. "I know it's foreign but he's not trying to cheat. Maybe he's trying to get an advantage because he's reading the scouting report, but it wasn't pine tar, it wasn't an emery board, it wasn't whatever. □

Indians' Donaldson thinks he's close to being able to play

By STEVE HERRICK
Associated Press

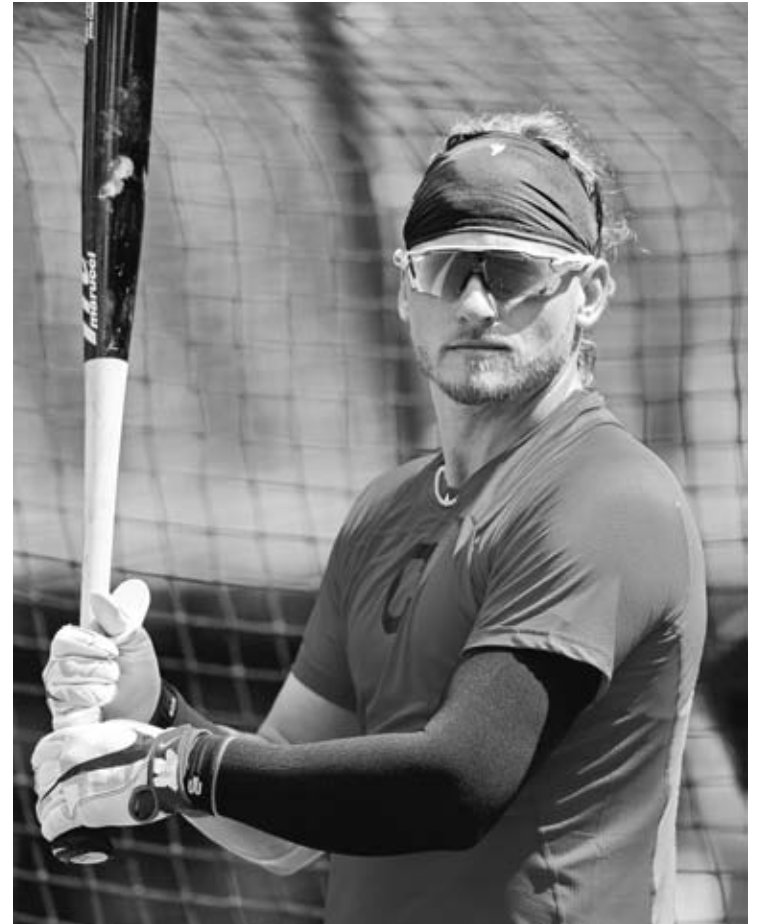
CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians knew what they were getting when they traded for Josh Donaldson — a former MVP who could help them reach the World Series. They just don't know when they'll be getting him on the field.

Donaldson doesn't, either, but he said Sunday he's close to being healthy enough to return. Acquired late Friday in a trade with Toronto, he has played in only 36 games because of shoulder and calf issues.

"It's been difficult," he said before Sunday's game against Tampa Bay. "If I was writing a book it's not how I would have wanted it to go, but hopefully it has a happy ending."

"I'm excited because my body's come to the point now where I feel very much comfortable in going out there and playing — and not just playing at an ordinary level — but at a very high level as well," he said. Indians president Chris Antonetti and manager Terry Francona met with Donaldson after his workout. It's still unclear what Donaldson will need to do before he's ready to take over at third base. He could continue to work with the team or play on a minor league rehab assignment.

"That's what we're still work-



Cleveland Indians' Josh Donaldson waits to bat during batting practice before a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, in Cleveland.

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ing on," Donaldson said. "Whenever that schedule is finalized between all parties, I'm sure it's going to be addressed, how we're going to move forward."

The 32-year-old Donaldson batted .234 with five home runs and 16 RBIs this season for the Blue Jays. He hasn't played since May 28 because of the calf injury. He also was out from April 11-May 2 with a shoulder

problem.

"I feel very good about where I am right now," Donaldson said. "I'd rather not talk about it. I'd rather you see it and judge for yourself."

Donaldson's addition will cause position changes. Jose Ramirez will move from third to second and Jason Kipnis, the starting second baseman, will begin taking fly balls in center field. □

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Vegas' Schmidt suspended for violating NHL's PED policy

Vegas Golden Knights defenseman Nate Schmidt will miss the first 20 games of the season after he was suspended for violating the NHL's performance-enhancing substances policy. It's the league's first suspension under the policy since Jarred Tinordi in 2016 and just the fifth since the most recent collective bargaining agreement went into effect in 2013. Schmidt, his agent and the Golden Knights criticized the punishment and questioned its merits.

"It is difficult to accept this suspension," Schmidt said Sunday in a lengthy statement. "I understand that I will miss these games, but I do not agree with the suspension and I will not accept being labeled a cheater."

Schmidt can take part in training camp, but is ineligible for preseason games. The earliest he can return is Nov. 18 at Edmonton.

"It was utterly shocking to be informed that I tested positive for a microscopic amount of a tainted substance," Schmidt said. "Not only did I not intentionally take a banned substance,



This May 16, 2018, file photo shows Vegas Golden Knights defenseman Nate Schmidt skating with the puck against the Winnipeg Jets during Game 3 of the NHL Western Conference finals hockey playoff series in Las Vegas.

I could not have received any performance enhancement benefit from the trace amount that inadvertently got into my system at a level that was far too small to have any effect."

The 27-year-old Schmidt said an expert in environ-

mental contamination who testified on his behalf at the appeal hearing likened the amount of the banned substance to a pinch of salt in an Olympic-sized swimming pool. Schmidt said he only takes supplements given to him by his NHL team and has never tested posi-

tive before.

The Golden Knights said they disagree with the suspension and "firmly believe that the presence of a trace of the banned substance was accidental and unintentional."

Agent Matt Keator said Schmidt "is innocent and

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this is a wrong decision."

"He would never risk his principles by taking performance-enhancing drugs," Keator said in a text message to The Associated Press. "There was no intentional use of a banned substance which is backed up scientifically."

The 6-foot-1, 194-pound Schmidt led the Golden Knights in ice time last season at 22:14 a game. He had 36 points during the regular season and seven during Vegas' run to the Stanley Cup Final.

"I'm extremely proud to be a player in the NHL. I have never cut corners in order to achieve this goal," Schmidt said.

"I can't put into words how disappointed I am that I will not be on the ice at the beginning of the season to help my teammates work towards another Stanley Cup run."

Schmidt is entering his fifth NHL season after the Washington Capitals signed him as an undrafted free agent out of the University of Minnesota. He has 79 points in 276 career regular-season games with the Capitals and Golden Knights. □

Kramer Hickok wins Web.com Tour Finals event

BEECHWOOD, Ohio (AP) — Kramer Hickok completed a wire-to-wire victory in the DAP Championship, beating Hunter Mahan and Matt Jones by three strokes Sunday in the second of four Web.com Tour Finals events.

Playing to improve his PGA Tour status after earning one of 25 cards from the Web.com Tour's regular-season money list, Hickok shot his second straight 2-under 68 to finish at 14-under 266. He matched the Canterbury Golf Club record Thursday with a 63 and had a 67 on Friday.

"Wire-to-wire has been one of my goals," said Hickok, the first Web.com player to accomplish the feat this season. "Not only to win, but to face that pressure being on top of the leader-

board every single day and know that you can play to your best ability is one of the things that I wanted to come to in my practice and the mental work that I do. It's been a long way coming. Earlier in the year, I kind of fell back when I had the lead and felt a little uncomfortable. I still did today, but it's nice to be able to put up a good round."

PGA Tour star Jordan Spieth's former teammate and housemate, Hickok earned \$180,000 for his first tour victory to push his season total to \$373,635. He has jumped from 23rd to second among the 25 regular-season qualifiers in the first two tournaments, earning a series-best \$198,000. The 26-year-old former University of Texas player was the Canadian tour player

of the year last season, winning twice.

Six-time PGA Tour winner Mahan and Jones each shot 67. They wrapped up PGA Tour cards, each earning \$88,000. Jones is fourth in the series standing with \$112,000, and Mahan fifth with \$102,500. Last year, Seamus Power took the 25th and final card with \$40,625.

The series features the top 75 players from the Web.com regular-season money list, and Nos. 126-200 — Jones was 151st, Mahan 159th — in the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup standings. Hickok and the other top-25 finishers on the Web.com money list are competing against each other for tour priority, with regular-season earnings counting in their totals. The other players are

fighting for 25 cards based on series earnings, with Seth Reeves, Stephan Jaeger, Max Homa and Denny McCarthy also wrapped up tour cards Sunday.

Sangmoon Bae, a two-time PGA Tour winner, tied for sixth at 9 under after a 70. He earned \$33,500 to jump to 12th with \$38,156.

Hickok lived with Spieth the last few years until recently moving out because Spieth is getting married.

"In 2015, he had a year like Tiger Woods," Hickok said. "He won five times and two majors and I'm seeing what he's doing first hand. I'm comparing myself to him and saying, 'This is what he does to reach the highest level and I'm going to do that and twice as much.' If I can do that, I can catch up to what these other guys

are doing and I just tried to outwork him. I was learning from what he was doing.

"He's getting the most out of every hour and I started to develop my practice that way. Being in that house with him for two to three years, I don't think I'd be holding this trophy if I wasn't." □





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Hamilton denies Ferrari a home win at Italian GP

By DANIELLA MATAR

Associated Press

MONZA, Italy (AP) — For Ferrari, the wait continues. For Lewis Hamilton, it was a dream race.

Hamilton won the Italian Grand Prix on Sunday after starting third on the grid to extend his championship lead over Sebastian Vettel following an opening-lap collision with the German driver that effectively ended his chances of victory. Ferrari had been hopeful of ending an eight-year wait for a win at its home track after taking the front two places on the grid at the Italian GP for the first time since 2000. However, pole-sitter Raikkonen was overtaken by Hamilton eight laps from the end and the Mercedes driver held on, much to the disappointment of the passionate Italian tifosi fans.

"Today was so difficult. Whilst the negativity is never great, that's what powered me along. I actually accept it," Hamilton



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain, center, celebrates on the podium with his teammate Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas of Finland, right, and Ferrari driver Kimi Raikkonen of Finland after winning the Formula One Italy Grand Prix at the Monza racetrack, in Monza, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018.

said after getting roundly booed on the podium. Hamilton, who said he rated the win as among the top performances of his career, tied Michael Schumacher's record of five Italian GP victories and

extended his overall lead to 30 points over Vettel. "Disappointed but there was nothing I could do," said Raikkonen, who struggled with a tire problem in the final few laps.

Hamilton's teammate Valt-

teri Bottas was third, ahead of Vettel and Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who received a five-second penalty. The 33-year-old Hamilton pinpointed the collision with Vettel as the decisive moment of the race.

"That was definitely a very, very key moment, getting past him was the immediate goal ... my race is not really with Kimi, it's with Sebastian. However, I do need to get past Kimi at the same time," Hamilton said. "Getting past Sebastian at the beginning was clearly a massive turning point. That definitely took a lot of pressure off ... I could just focus on Kimi for the whole race. We had a couple of good battles."

Vettel had cut the gap at the top of the standings to 17 points with victory at last weekend's Belgium GP. Hamilton put his rival under pressure from the start but Vettel pulled clear and was alongside Raikkonen into the first corner.

Hamilton had another go

on the outside heading into the second chicane, inching ahead of Vettel when they made contact, causing Vettel to spin and lose part of his front wing. The safety car was deployed and Vettel was forced into the pits for a new wing, coming out 18th. Both drivers complained on team radio but an investigation decided that no further action was necessary. "Obviously I guess Lewis saw his chance but he didn't leave me any room so I got spun around and couldn't avoid what happened," said Vettel. "It could have been the other way, which would have been nicer for us, but wasn't and I was facing the wrong way. "We did well to come back given the damage that we had."

There are seven races left on the calendar, including the Singapore GP on Sept. 16 — on a track which suits Ferrari. "There are many points to win back now in the championship, but we still have time to improve and we have the margin to recover," Vettel said.

Moments after the safety car came in on lap four, Hamilton swiftly overtook Raikkonen on the straight but gave the lead back almost immediately at the second chicane. Meanwhile, Vettel was powering through the field and had made it back into the top 10 by lap 15 and was up to fifth nine laps later. But the German's hopes of getting onto the podium were diminished when he was forced to make another pit stop and came out 10th.

Raikkonen pitted from the lead at the end of lap 20 and came out fourth, behind Hamilton, Bottas and Verstappen. □

King tops mountain challenge, Simon Yates leads Vuelta

LA COVATILLA, Spain (AP)

— American rider Benjamin King won the mountainous ninth stage of the Spanish Vuelta, finishing atop the beyond-category La Covatilla on Sunday, while Simon Yates took over the race lead.

King stayed ahead of chaser Bauke Mollema on a long breakaway to win the 201-kilometer (125-mile) leg in 5 ½ hours, starting in Talavera de la Reina that crested three categorized passes before the final uphill push.

King, who rides for Dimension Data, also won the

fourth stage for his first Grand Tour stage win at age 29.

He had time enough to lift his arms in victory as he reached the finish line, only to shortly collapse on the ground gasping for air.

"I feel so bad right now," Spanish television cameras caught King telling his team as he recovered from the excruciating effort. "I can't believe that."

"The climb was really hard, with some very steep sections, and I thought Mollema would come back," King said later. "I suffered a lot but I kept hoping and I

made it."

Yates of Micheltun-Scott was the ninth rider to finish. The Englishman took the red jersey from Rudy Molard, who had led the race for four flat stages but faded early on the brutal last ascent.

Yates leads Alejandro Valverde by one second, with Valverde's Movistar teammate Nairo Quintana 14 seconds back. Both Valverde and Quintana are former Vuelta winners.

Yates led the Giro d'Italia for 13 days in May with Chris Froome the eventual winner. □

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Facebook adds Alaska's Inupiaq as language option

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Britt'Nee Brower grew up in a largely Inupiat Eskimo town in Alaska's far north, but English was the only language spoken at home. Today, she knows a smattering of Inupiaq from childhood language classes at school in the community of Utqiagvik. Brower even published an Inupiaq coloring book last year featuring the names of common animals of the region. But she hopes to someday speak fluently by practicing her ancestral language in a daily, modern setting.

The 29-year-old Anchorage woman has started to do just that with a new Inupiaq language option that recently went live on Facebook for those who employ the social media giant's community translation tool. Launched a decade ago, the tool has allowed users to translate bookmarks, action buttons and other functions in more than 100 languages around the globe.

For now, Facebook is being translated into Inupiaq only on its website, not its app. "I was excited," Brower says of her first time trying the feature, still a work in progress as Inupiaq words are slowly added. "I was thinking, 'I'm going to have to bring out my Inupiaq dictionary so I can learn.' So I did."

Facebook users can submit requests to translate the site's vast interface workings — the buttons that allow users to like, comment and navigate the site — into any language through crowdsourcing. With the interface tool, it's the Facebook users who do the translating of words and short phrases. Words are confirmed through crowd



In this photo on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska, Britt'Nee Brower shows an Inupiat coloring book she published and she talks about the new Inupiat Eskimo language option now available for Facebook bookmarks, action buttons.

up-and-down voting. Besides the Inupiaq option, Cherokee and Canada's Inuktitut are other indigenous languages in the process of being translated, according to Facebook spokeswoman Arielle Argyles.

"It's important to have these indigenous languages on the internet. Often-times they're nowhere to be found," she said. "So much is carried through language — tradition, culture — and so in the digital world, being able to translate from that environment is really important."

The Inupiaq language is spoken in northern Alaska and the Seward Peninsula. According to the University of Alaska Fairbanks, about 13,500 Inupiat live in the state, with about 3,000 speaking the language.

Myles Creed, who grew up in the Inupiat commu-

nity of Kotzebue, was the driving force in getting Inupiaq added. After researching ways to possibly link an external translation app with Facebook, he reached out to Grant Magdanz, a hometown friend who works as a software engineer in San Francisco. Neither one of them knew about the translation tool when Magdanz contacted Facebook in late 2016 about setting up an Inupiatun option. Facebook opened a translation portal for the language in March 2017. It was then up to users to provide the translations through crowdsourcing.

Creed, 29, a linguistics graduate student at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, is not Inupiat, and neither is Magdanz, 24. But they grew up around the language and its people, and wanted to

promote its use for today's world.

"I've been given so much by the community I grew up in, and I want to be able to give back in some way," said Creed, who is learning Inupiaq.

Both see the Facebook option as a small step against predictions that Alaska's Native languages are heading toward extinction under their present rate of decline.

"It has to be part of everyone's daily life. It can't be this separate thing," Magdanz said. "People need the ability to speak it in any medium that they use, like they would English or Spanish."

Initially, Creed relied on volunteer translators, but that didn't go fast enough. In January, he won a \$2,000 mini grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum to hire two fluent Inupiat transla-

tors. While a language is in the process of being translated, only those who use the translation tool are able to see it.

Creed changed his translation settings last year. But it was only weeks ago that his home button finally said "Aimaagvik," Inupiaq for home.

Take the comment button, which is still in English. There's no one-word-fits-all in Inupiaq for "comment," according to translator Pausauraq Jana Harcharek, who heads Inupiaq education for Alaska's North Slope Borough. Is the word being presented in the form of a question, or a statement or an exclamatory sentence?

"Sometimes it's so difficult to go from concepts that don't exist in the language to arriving at a translation that communicates what that particular English word might mean," Harcharek said.

Translator Muriel Hopson said finding the right translation ultimately could require two or three Inupiaq words.

The 58-year-old Anchorage woman grew up in the village of Wainwright, where she was raised by her grandparents. Inupiaq was spoken in the home, but it was strictly prohibited at the village school run by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, Hopson said.

She wonders if she's among the last generation of Inupiaq speakers. But she welcomes the new Facebook option as a promising way for young people to see the value Inupiaq brings as a living language.

"Who doesn't have a Facebook account when you're a millennial?" she said. "It can only help." □

Tariffs stirring fear at many US points of entry for imports

By **DAVID KOENIG**
Associated Press

To understand why the impact of President Donald Trump's tariffs could be felt throughout the United States, consider this:

From the West Coast to the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico, at least 10 percent of imports at many ports could be hit by new tariffs if Trump's proposals take full effect, according to an exclusive analysis of government data by The Associated Press.

Ports and ground terminals in nearly every state handle goods that are now or will likely soon be covered by import tariffs. And port officials fear this could mean a slowdown in shipping that would have ripple effects on truckers and others whose jobs depend on trade.

Since March, the U.S. has applied new tariffs of up to 25 percent on nearly \$85 billion worth of steel and aluminum and various Chinese products, mostly goods used in manufacturing.

"Tariffs are working big time," Trump tweeted recently.

The president has argued that the tariffs will help protect American workers and force U.S. trading partners to change rules that the president insists are unfair to the United States.

At the same time, his administration is preparing to slap tariffs of up to 25 percent on an additional \$200 billion in Chinese imports — many of them parts and materials U.S. companies depend on, along with consumer goods — after a public comment period ends Thursday.

These tariffs are the administration's response to its charges that Beijing uses predatory tactics to try to supplant U.S. technological supremacy. Those tactics include cyber-theft and a requirement that American companies hand over trade secrets in exchange for access to China's market.

U.S. manufacturers are beginning to respond to the



In this Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, photo trucks travel along a loading dock at the Port of Long Beach in Long Beach, Calif.

tariffs. On Friday, Ford announced that it has abandoned plans to import a crossover version of its Focus compact car from China to the U.S. because of tariffs that took effect in July. Ford has already said it will exit most of the U.S. car business as it shifts sharply toward trucks and SUVs.

In New Orleans, port officials say a tariff-related drop in shipments is real, not merely a forecast. Steel imports there have declined more than 25 percent from a year ago, according to the port's chief commercial officer, Robert Landry. The port is scouting for other commodities it can import. But expectations appear to be low.

"In our business, steel is the ideal commodity," Landry said. "It's big, it's heavy, we charge by the ton so it pays well. You never find anything that pays as well as steel does."

The port of Milwaukee imports steel from Europe and ships out agricultural products from the Midwest. Steel imports haven't dropped yet because they are under long-term contracts, said the port director, Adam Schlicht. But there has been "an almost immediate halt" in outbound shipments of corn because of retaliatory duties imposed by the Euro-

pean Union on American products.

Much of the corn, he said, "is just staying in silos. They are filled to the brim."

Many other ports have been humming along and even enjoyed an unexpected bump in imports during June and July as U.S. businesses moved up orders to ship before the new tariffs took effect. That started with manufacturing goods and is now spreading to retail items for back-to-school and Christmas.

"Some of my retail customers are forward-shipping the best they can to offset proposed tariffs," says Peter Schneider, executive vice president of T.G.S. Transportation, a trucking company in Fresno, California.

Port officials were encouraged by this week's announcement that the United States and Mexico had reached a preliminary agreement to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement, hoping it might lead to reduced trade barriers. Canada's participation in any new deal to replace NAFTA, though, remains a major question mark.

The port officials continue to worry, though, that Trump will make good on a plan to expand tariffs to an additional \$200 billion in Chinese imports — a list

that includes fish and other foods, furniture, carpets, tires, rain jackets and hundreds of additional items. Tariffs would make those items costlier in the United States. And if Americans buy fewer of those goods, it would likely lead to fewer container ships steaming into U.S. ports.

The impact will be felt keenly at West Coast ports like Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, relying on information from his port officials, said his port — the biggest in the United States — could suffer a 20 percent drop in volume if the additional \$200 billion in tariffs are imposed against Chinese goods.

Jock O'Connell, an economist in California who studies trade, said he doubts a downturn would be so severe — that would match the slump that accompanied the global recession of 2008 — "but we will see a definite impact."

Here are some of the key findings from the AP analysis:

— U.S. tariffs will cover goods that are imported at more than 250 seaports, airports and ground terminals in 48 states.

— At 18 of 43 customs districts — including those representing ports around Los Angeles, San Francisco,

New Orleans and Houston — at least 10 percent of their total import value could be covered by new tariffs if all Trump's proposals take effect.

— Retaliatory duties by China and other countries cover \$27 billion in U.S. exports.

Eugene Seroka, executive director of the Los Angeles port, worries that "if tariffs make it too expensive to import, there will be an impact on jobs."

Seroka and others don't expect layoffs on the docks. Union longshoremen — whose average pay last year on the West Coast was \$163,000, according to the Pacific Maritime Association, which negotiates for the ports — often have contract provisions ensuring that they are paid even if there's no work. And there are fewer of them than there were a few decades ago because the advent of shipping containers has reduced the need for people on the docks.

Dwayne Boudreaux, an International Longshoremen's Association official in Louisiana, said, though, that his stevedores are handling about 10 percent less steel from Japan because of the new tariffs.

"We don't think it's going to (get) worse," he said. But, he added, "who knows — that could change from the next press conference." □


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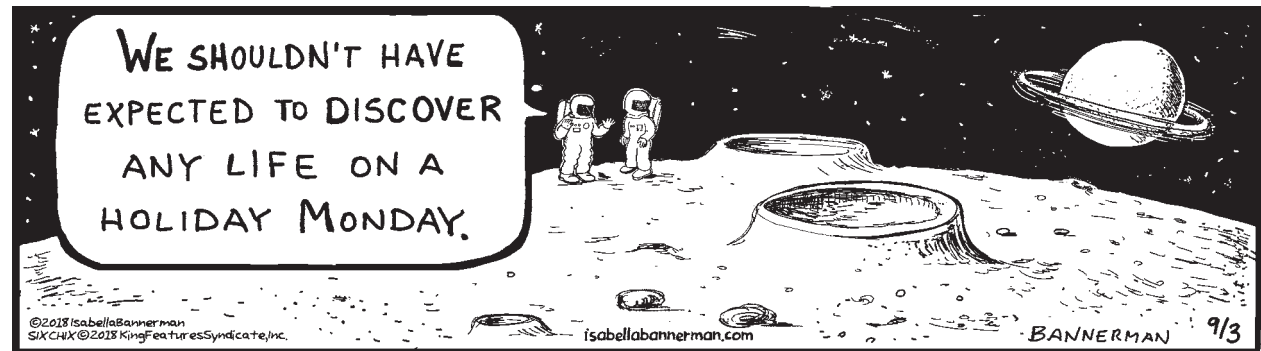
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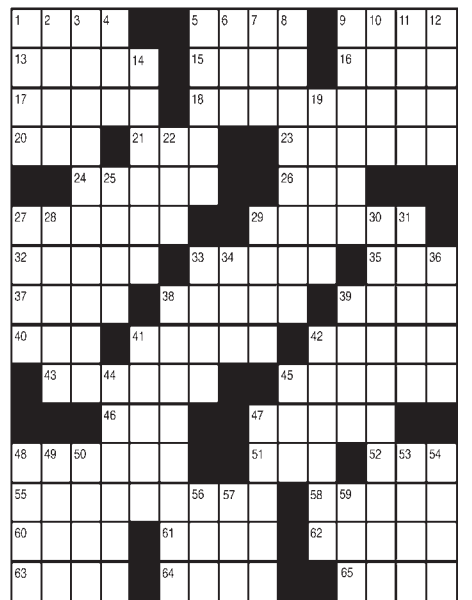
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- 1 Actor Everett
5 ___ out; leave for a bit
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13 Stringed instruments
15 Dishonest one
16 In this place
17 Give one's views
18 Group of attendants
20 Teacher's favorite
21 Eminem's music
23 Trimmed branches
24 Lift with effort
26 Heart test, for short
27 Fighting forces
29 Pressure cooker brand
32 Folk dances
33 Barbecue
35 Carl Reiner's son
37 New York team
38 Sulking
39 Ms. Minnelli
40 Zoom down snowy slopes
41 Schemes
42 Kept for later
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45 Take long steps
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11 Egg on
12 Rex or Donna
14 World ___; baseball season finale
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22 Horse's cousin
25 Lubricates
27 Weapons
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34 Groove
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This Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, photo provided by the Eugene Police Department shows a fawn stuck in a fence in Eugene, Ore.

Associated Press

Oregon officer rescues baby deer stuck in fence

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — An animal welfare officer in Oregon is getting attention after her body-worn camera captured her rescuing a baby deer.

The Eugene Police Department on Thursday made public a video and photo of Officer Shawni McLaughlin freeing a terrified fawn that got stuck in a backyard fence.

In the video, McLaughlin wraps the fawn's head in a towel and lifts it from between two narrow fence posts as she gently talks to the deer.

The fawn lies on the ground for a few seconds after being freed, apparently not aware it can walk.

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Global warming could spur more and hungrier crop-eating bugs

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A

warmer world likely means more and hungrier insects chomping on crops and less food on dinner plates, a new study suggests.

Insects now consume about 10 percent of the globe's food, but that will increase to 15 to 20 percent by the end of the century if climate change isn't stopped, said study lead author Curtis Deutsch, a University of Washington climate scientist.

The study looked at the damage bugs like the European corn borer and the Asiatic rice borer could do as temperatures rise. It found that many of them will increase in number at key times for crops. The hotter weather will also speed up their metabolism so they'll eat more, the researchers report in Thursday's journal *Science*. Their predictions are based on computer simulations of bug and weather activity.

"There's going to be a lot of crop loss, so there won't be



This undated image made available by Frank Peairs in 2007 shows a European corn borer.

as much grain on the table," said study co-author Scott Merrill, an ecology professor at the University of Vermont.

The researchers calculate additional losses of 53 million tons (48 million metric tons) in wheat, rice and corn from hungry bugs if the temperature rises another 2.7 degrees (1.5 degrees Celsius) from now.

The study estimates that in that warmer scenario, American corn, wheat and rice losses from insects will jump by a third above current levels. Bug damage to Russia's rice crop would

jump sixfold. And nine countries — North Korea, Mongolia, Finland, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Bhutan, Armenia, the United Kingdom and Denmark — would see at least a doubling of wheat loss from bugs.

If there are no drastic cuts in emissions from coal, oil and gas, the world will reach that 2.7 degree mark and extra insect loss around 2050 — give or take a decade or so, Deutsch said.

"In the history of agriculture, one of the most important themes is the continuing struggle between farmers and insects," said

Stanford University environmental institute director Chris Field, who wasn't part of the study. "Based on this study, climate change tilts the balance in the insects' favor."

The Russian wheat aphid is a good example because "the populations are absolutely insane ... they are born pregnant," Merrill said.

"If you increase the temperature a couple degrees you can see the population growing much faster."

The researchers acknowledge that richer countries may be able to reduce projected losses with insecticides and other pest-fighting techniques.

The study comes as insect experts across the globe worry about declining numbers of flying insects, especially beneficial pollinators like bees and moths. But while many insects may be declining for a variety of reasons those associated with agriculture crops — especially invasive species — seem to be doing better, said University of Delaware's Doug Tallamy, who

wasn't part of the study, which he considered too broad.

University of Illinois entomologist May Berenbaum, called the study distinctive. "Problem insects are expanding their ranges with climate warming," she said in an email.

Another study in the journal looked at how the world's vegetation changed since the last ice age and applied that concept to current warming.

The study logged massive changes to Earth's landscape around the globe over more than 14,000 years from the last glacier period.

The same magnitude of warming — more than 7 degrees (4 degrees Celsius) — is projected to occur with human-caused climate change, but may be in only 100 years or so, said study co-author Jonathan Overpeck, a University of Michigan climate scientist.

"It really paints a picture that is a lot more dire," Overpeck said, calling it "vegetation chaos." □



FILE - In this Sept. 13, 2017, file photo, a lobster fishing boat heads out to sea at sunrise off shore from Portland, Maine.

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

The waters off of New England are already warming faster than most of the world's oceans, and they are nearing the end of one of the hottest summers in their history.

That is the takeaway from an analysis of summer sea surface temperatures in the Gulf of Maine by a marine scientist with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in

Portland. The average sea surface temperature in the gulf was nearly 5 degrees Fahrenheit above the long-term average during one 10-day stretch in August, said the scientist, Andy Pershing, who released the work Thursday.

Aug. 8 was the second warmest day in recorded history in the gulf, and there were other sustained stretches this summer that were a few degrees higher than the average from

Waters off New England in midst of record year for warmth

1982 to 2011, Pershing said. He characterized this year as "especially warm" even for a body of water that he and other scientists previously identified as warming faster than 99 percent of the global ocean.

"We're seeing really unusual conditions all over the planet this year. Wildfires and heatwaves. Unusual conditions. The Gulf of Maine is part of that story," Pershing said.

The Gulf of Maine is a body of water that resembles a dent in the coastal Northeast, and it touches Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Atlantic Canada. It's the nerve center of the U.S. lobster fishing industry, an important feeding ground for rare North Atlantic right whales and a piece of ocean that has attracted much attention

in recent years because of its rapid warming. The gulf warmed at a rate of about 0.1 degrees Fahrenheit over the past 30 years, which is more than three times the global average, Pershing said. That rate has jumped to more than seven times the global average in the past 15 years, he said.

The warming of the gulf is happening at a time when the center of the U.S. lobster population appears to be tracking northward. America's lobster catch is still high, but rising temperatures threaten to "continue to disrupt the marine ecosystem in this region," said John Bruno, a marine ecologist with the University of North Carolina who was not involved in Pershing's work. "Warming in the GOM has been pushing out native species like cod,

kelp and lobster, and fostering populations of species typically found in the Carolinas," Bruno said. "Although it's an extreme example, it mirrors what we're seeing across most of the world." The gulf has seen temperatures above the 90th percentile for more than five consecutive days this year, which constitutes a "marine heatwave," Pershing said. It has set 10 daily temperature records this summer after setting 18 over the winter, he said.

The warming is bad news for the rare right whales because it impacts the availability of tiny organisms they eat, said Jeffrey Runge, a research scientist with Gulf of Maine Research Institute and the University of Maine. It's symptomatic of warming oceans all over the world, Runge said. □

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**Animal-themed drinkware shows ancients partied in beast mode**

By **WILLIAM J. KOLE**
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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)

— Centuries before Julius Caesar sipped from a chalice and Alexander the Great raised a goblet to toast his troops, the ancients drank from festive cups made in the image of the beings they revered the most: animals. An unusual new exhibition at the Harvard Art Museums explores that primal connection between man, beast and libation. "Animal-Shaped Vessels from the Ancient World: Feasting with Gods, Heroes, and Kings" opens Friday, offering a glimpse of six dozen elaborate drinking and pouring vessels — and, through them, a window into the weird symbolism early civilizations invoked whenever they partied. Make no mistake: Our Bronze Age ancestors were well-acquainted with the concept of the liquid lunch, and they seem to have



In this April 3, 2018, photo provided by the British Museum, an octagonal cup of Chinese origins featuring a lion and believed to date to the 7th century is depicted.

had one setting — beast mode. "By illuminating the history and making of these remarkably global objects, we invite our guests to raise a glass to what unites us across culture and time," said Martha Tedeschi, the museum's director. Visitors will journey deep

into the Near East and Mediterranean past, where they'll be rewarded with priceless, rarely seen items culled from nearly two dozen museums across the U.S. and around the globe, including the British Museum, the Louvre, Vienna's Kunsthistorisches Museum, the

Smithsonian Institution, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. The youngest: an ornate drinking horn that Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev gifted to President John F. Kennedy in September 1962 on the eve of the Cuban Missile Crisis. "It's fascinating how these animal-shaped vessels spread from culture to culture around the world. They were really quite fashionable," Susanne Ebbinghaus, the show's curator, said in an interview.

"I hope people will become more aware of the kinds of messages that are encoded in everyday objects, and the importance of social gatherings and getting together," said Ebbinghaus, who oversees Asian and Mediterranean art at the Harvard gallery. Even the word symposium, she notes, comes from the Greek for drinking party. Archaeologists long have

marveled at how much drinkware used in songs, speeches, prayers and other rituals has survived the ravages of time over three continents. Many were placed in tombs, which may explain why they endured, Ebbinghaus said. The Harvard collection includes goblets and beakers shaped like standing or reclining animals; drinking horns and pitchers made in the images of bulls, rams, lions and wild boars; and cups and chalices featuring a mythological menagerie of griffins and dragons. Fashioned from gold, silver, bronze, glass or animal horn, some of these vessels were status symbols seized as the spoils of war. Others were used as diplomatic gifts or to toast the dead as their spirits journeyed to the afterlife. Most span the Bronze Age of the third and second millennia before Christ to the rise of Islam in the 7th century A.D. □

'Sons of Anarchy' spinoff 'Mayans M.C.' tackles border world

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS**

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— When "Sons of Anarchy" debuted in 2008, creator Kurt Sutter repeatedly heard the same comparison: it was the poor, white working class version of the HBO mob series, "The Sopranos."

Now that "Sons of Anarchy" spin-off "Mayans M.C." is set to launch, Sutter says he is prepared for it to inevitably be called the Latino rendition of the popular motorcycle gang drama. "But it's more than that," Sutter, the new series co-creator, told The Associated Press. "My hope is that as people get plugged into it...it becomes its own thing."

Yes, "Mayans M.C." focuses on similar motorcycle outlaw themes of crime, contradictions and divided devotions as its artistic predecessor. Yet, it aims to tackle the conflicted world along the U.S.-Mexico border amid poverty, a drug war and populations with blurred nationalities. It's also filled with Mesoameri-



This image released by FX shows JD Pardo as EZ Reyes in a scene from "Mayans M.C.," premiering on Sept. 4.

can imagery, issues of ethnicity and references to the poor conditions along the border.

The FX Networks series, which debuts on Sept. 4, is set in the fictional border city of Santo Padre, California, and follows Ezekiel "EZ" Reyes, played by J.D. Pardo, a fresh-out-of-prison

"prospect" for a chapter of the Mayans, a Mexican-American motorcycle club. (A prospect is a potential member who must prove himself to the others). Reyes is coming to terms with his former life as a one-time promising student at Stanford University who now is inside the world of crime and Mexican cartels.

The Mayans were the sometimes rivals, sometimes allies of the Sons of Anarchy in the original series. The creators tease that Sons of Anarchy members may make occasional cameos in the new series.

Meanwhile, Ezekiel's butcher father, played by Edward

James Olmos, serves as his adviser and sometimes confidante as the young Reyes seeks just to survive. Together the pair leads a majority-Latino cast who navigate the dark world of motorcycle gangs and tensions from immigration, cartel violence and race.

Pardo, a California-born son of an Argentine father and a Salvadoran mother, said he knew little about "Sons of Anarchy" until he heard about "Mayans M.C." So, one weekend, he binged watch the series and concluded he wanted the lead role in "Mayans M.C.," though he'd have to educate himself.

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"It's the writing. It's everything," Pardo said. "I didn't ride motorcycles. I didn't know anything about bike culture. For me to be able to dive in that as an artist makes me feel like such a kid."

But he wouldn't have to educate himself about being Latino, Pardo said. That, he already knew from family.

Sutter said the idea for the project began years ago as FX sought to find productions similar to Sons of Anarchy but geared toward the growing Spanish-speaking market in Latin America. When "Mayans M.C." began to become a reality, Sutter said he realized immediately it needed to be different.

Sutter soon tapped Boston-born filmmaker Elgin James to help give the show a distinct voice and a perspective from a writer of color. James, whose family background is Irish, African American and Dominican, is a former gang member who spent a year in prison for extortion and earned acclaim for his 2011 film, "Little Birds."

James said he wanted to utilize his experience from the gang world to shape "Mayans M.C." characters. Once an orphan and homeless, James said remembers how intoxicating it was be feared by flashing your gang name on hats or shirts. □

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U2 concert ends early after Bono loses voice in Berlin

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — U2 had to end a concert in Germany on the second night of the band's European tour after lead singer Bono lost his voice during the performance.

The band posted a statement on its website after it halted the Saturday night concert in Berlin early, explaining that "Bono was in great form and great voice prior to the show ... but after a few songs he suffered

a complete loss of voice." "We don't know what has happened and we are taking medical advice," U2 said.

Bono left the stage at Berlin's Mercedes-Benz Arena after the 58-year-old frontman made it through the U2 hit "Beautiful Day" with the help of the audience, German news agency dpa reported Sunday.

Concert-goers first were told there would be a short break and eventually were

informed the show was over, dpa said. They were advised to keep their tickets for a replacement performance.

U2 opened the European segment of its 2018 "Experience + Innocence" tour in Berlin on Friday. It has a sold-out show scheduled in Cologne on Tuesday and a second concert in the German city on Wednesday before back-to-back performances in Paris on Saturday and Sunday. □

You've come a long way, baby: Wigstock now star-studded

VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Neil Patrick Harris and his husband, chef and actor David Burtka, fired up what they call New York's "last summer blowout" — a six-hour, 50-act drag-queen spectacle staged Saturday on a glitzy Manhattan pier.

It was the revival of a 1980s festival called Wigstock — an impromptu creation of unruly patrons in drag who stumbled out of an East Village club at about 2 a.m. to improvise for homeless people in garbage-strewn, rat-infested Tompkins Square Park. It was, of course, free of charge.

Saturday's lower Manhattan show featured drag stars Lady Bunny, Bianca Del Rio and Latrice Royale. There were food, drinks and dancing on Pier 17 by the Brooklyn Bridge, with the audience wearing over-the-top attire for a shindig that kicked off with a cannon shooting out blue, orange and red wigs. Members of the crowd swarmed like bridesmaids angling for a bouquet.

Backstage, performers powdered their noses and ran through costume



Neil Patrick Harris, right, appears on stage along Lady Bunny, center, and other performers during Wigstock, Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, in New York.

changes.

Tickets started at \$95 and topped at \$1,000 for the well-heeled at a VIP after-party with performers. A limited number of passes sold for \$18.95.

The last time Robert Nieves was at Wigstock was in 1995, when he was 18. On Saturday, at 41, he came with his husband, Ramon Nieves, whom he dubbed a "Wigstock virgin."

"I wanted him to be able

to experience it because this is such a monumental event for the community," said Robert Nieves, wearing a short red wig. "You know, last time I was here I didn't wear a wig."

With Tony, Emmy and Oscar award winners involved in the production, the drag culture has gone mainstream. And Wigstock has come a long way from the wee hours one night in 1984 when Lady Bunny led the

inebriated charge into the park.

The annual celebration eventually moved to a pier on Manhattan's West Side until it was rained out two years in a row, dampening ticket revenue and bankrupting the event by 2001. A much smaller Wigstock popped up sporadically in the park and on New York Harbor cruises but, short of money, it pretty much vanished until now.

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"David and I are rabid fans of any kind of live spectacle, and we go to drag shows," says Harris. "So one day, I said to David, 'Why don't we revive Wigstock?'"

Though he didn't know her well, says Burtka, "I ended up calling Bunny and saying, 'Hey, would you be into doing this?'"

The Wigstock founder sure was, starting Saturday at 3 p.m., rain or shine, on the rooftop of Manhattan's freshly renovated Pier 17.

Working on the revival with her as executive producer were Harris, Burtka, Jack Turner, Jason Weinberg and Oscar award-winner Bruce Cohen, along with production company Matador Content and Pride Media, which publishes Out and Advocate magazines. Broadway's Tony Award-winner Michael Mayer was director.

The main creative credit goes to Lady Bunny, whose legal name is Jon Ingle, a 56-year-old DJ and promoter with a Tennessee drawl in a foot-high wig. "Everything runs through her. Bunny's the backbone, she's the driving force, she's our almanac," says Burtka. □

'Vox' explores world where women can't talk freely

By LINCÉE RAY

Associated Press

"Vox" (Berkley), by Christina Dalcher

Can you imagine a time when women aren't allowed to speak more than 100 words per day? What if excessive communication results in increasingly painful shocks, training females to remain silent? Can the world continue to run if the power of speech is taken away from half the population?

Christina Dalcher brings this scenario to life in her debut novel "Vox." Fueled by the disorder and turbulence of America's current political climate, Dalcher creates a world in the not-so-distant future, that introduces a new president, a charismatic reverend, and a Pure Woman movement

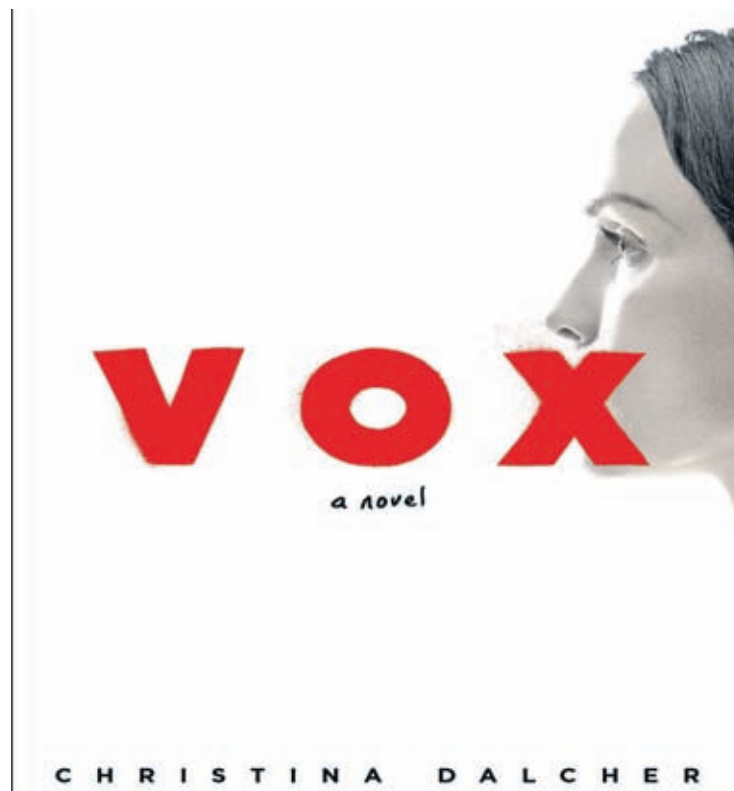
built to remind females that they are to be seen and not heard.

Dr. Jean McClellan spent most of her career developing a cure for aphasia. Her life shifted seemingly overnight when she was removed from her lab and escorted out of the building, never to return again. All females across the nation were eliminated from the workforce. Each woman and female child was fit with a counter on her wrist, tallying each word uttered. Just one expression over the 100-mark and an electric shock jolts through your entire nervous system.

Jean is certainly not a Pure Woman. She doesn't enjoy baking or gardening, but she knows how to play the game. Unfortunately, her young daughter is grow-

ing up in a world where her voice is forbidden. Controlling a babbling toddler was bad enough, but having to persuade her now 6-year-old to save her words in case of an emergency is excruciating. Especially since her oldest son is completely brainwashed by the reverend and his ridiculous stance.

Opportunity presents itself when the president's brother suffers brain damage from a skiing accident. The government knows there's only one doctor who can help. Jean is ushered into a state-of-the-art lab and put to work. Now that she's in the hub of the Pure Woman movement, without her word counter, she knows she can no longer stay silent. In fact, she will do anything to be heard. □



This cover image released by Berkley shows "Vox," a novel by Christina Dalcher.

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Ukrainian city remembers Jews on Holocaust anniversary

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LVIV, Ukraine (AP) — The Ukrainian city of Lviv, once a major center of Jewish life in Eastern Europe, commemorated on Sunday the 75th anniversary of the annihilation of the city's Jewish population by Nazi Germany and honored those working today to preserve what they can of that vanished world.

City authorities presented the honored recipients with 75 glass keys — replicas of a metal key that once belonged to a Jewish synagogue and which an American artist found at a street market in Lviv. The anniversary events, which included a prayer concert at the ruins of former synagogues, come amid other attempts to revive suppressed memories of the Jews who once were an integral part of the region. "God forbid our city once suffered such a misfortune," Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadoviy said at the ceremony. "Today we cannot even imagine for a moment the pain, humiliation and grief that thousands of Lviv's people suffered in the last century." Iryna Matsevko, deputy director of the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe and an organizer of the anniversary events in Lviv, said it was the first time the western Ukrainian city has acknowledged the historical preservation efforts in such an extensive way.



Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadoviy presents glass copy of an old metal synagogue key to Yanina Hescheles, at ceremony commemorating 75th anniversary of the annihilation of the city's Jewish population by Nazi Germany in Lviv, Ukraine, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018.

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Matsevko said consciousness is growing in Ukrainian society of the need to remember the Jews who were annihilated by Nazi forces, in some cases with the participation of local people. Initiatives have included introducing Jewish history courses at universities, new research by young Ukrainian scholars and grassroots efforts by volunteers, such as the recovering Jewish gravestones that were used to pave roads and returning them to cemeteries. "This is part of the process of reviving the memory of the Jewish heritage. Of course, this process is slow. I want it to be quicker,

but for the last 10 years we have seen how the Jewish heritage is returning to people's consciousness and a lot of activities are taking place," Matsevko said. "It is very important that people are being acknowledged for their work in Jewish heritage." Before World War II, Lviv and the surrounding area belonged to Poland. Then called Lwow, it was the third largest Jewish community in prewar Poland after Warsaw and Lodz, with most working as merchants, manufacturers or artisans. Before World War I, Lviv and the surrounding area were part of the eastern Galicia region of the

Austro-Hungarian empire and the city was called by its German name, Lemberg. In June 1941, Germany attacked the Soviet Union, its former ally. When the German forces entered the city, they and their Ukrainian collaborators massacred Jews in the city and countryside. While occupying the area, Germans murdered Jews in the ghetto, the Belzec death camp and a forced labor camp, Janowska, with the final annihilation completed by June 1943. Of a population of about 150,000 Jews, only an estimated 1 percent survived. In the postwar years, with Ukraine part of the Soviet

Union, the memories of the murdered Jews began to vanish. Historian Omer Bartov has called the area a "land of memory and oblivion, coexistence and erasure, high hopes and dashed illusions."

The remembrance work is taking place as Ukraine finds itself mired in crisis and conflict following Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and a continuing Russia-backed insurgency in the east. Nationalism has been on the rise, and some Ukrainians laud the Nazi-affiliated irregulars who fought against the Soviet Army in World War II.

To what extent this has led to greater anti-Semitism is a matter of dispute. Some of the people trying to sustain the history of Jewish life in western Ukraine think the amount of anti-Semitism is exaggerated as part of a Russian propaganda effort. Among those honored was Marla Raucher Osborn, an American who heads Rohatyn Jewish Heritage. The group's projects include restoring a Jewish cemetery in nearby Rohatyn. Osborn said she was honored to be acknowledged along with local activists "working quietly in local communities, recovering Jewish memory with little or no knowledge of their projects outside of those communities, especially among the distant Jewish diaspora."

The glass keys were the work of New Mexico-based artist Rachel Stevens, who found the rusted synagogue key on which they were based in February while seeking remnants of Jewish culture in eastern Galicia as part of a research project.

Stevens used glass for the replicas because in Jewish tradition the material "represents the fragility of life." Creating them "became a tangible way for me to express my grief about the past and my hope for the future," she said.

"The idea for this artwork seems almost mystically delivered to me," Stevens said. □



In this undated photo provided by artist Rachel Stevens an old synagogue key discovered by Stevens at a market in Lviv, Ukraine, and a glass replica that she made modeled on it are photographed.

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In this photo taken on Aug. 29, 2018, U.S. citizen Marla Raucher Osborn, a Rohatyn Jewish heritage project leader, shows volunteers the gravestones at an old Jewish cemetery in Rohatyn close to Lviv, Ukraine.

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